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RACE SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

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CAN APOLLO WIN?

[By "Wombat."] We shall have seven runners in the November Handicap, which is the main event at Happy Valley this afternoon. Sitting Bull should win. He won his race quite easy at the Eleventh Extra Meeting and, although this is half a mile shorter to run, he looks to be a cinch here.

Apollo should run away with the Middlesex Handicap "A" Class event, and the last race of the day should be accounted for by Mongolian Stag.

1st Race.

Starters—One Third, Blue Boy, November, The Goods, Marquis Hall, Target, Fernleaf, Grey Dawn, Country Club, Good and Hot. A very good tip here is ONE-THIRD.

2nd Race.

Starters—Apollo, Rayal Flush, Boxing Eve, Elliot Bay, Hiawatha, Chesapeake Bay, Christmas Chimes, Majestic Hall, Piccalli, San Francisco. My pick here is

APOLLO ***

3rd Race.

Starters—African Eve, Young Pretender, Christmas Frolic, Pickle, Four Clubs, Crown Prince, Imperial Hall. My tip is AFRICAN EVE.

4th Race.

Starters—Armonia, Christmas Belle, Bridge Hall, Diana, City Hall, Tonbridge Hall, Monk, Mount Elburz, Pagoda, Shanghai Beau, Cream Cracker, Sonny Roy, Done Again, Discord. Look out for

CHRISTMAS BELLE.

5th Race.

Starters—President Hall, Sitting Bull, Wisdom Stag, King's Colour, Peppermint, Mike, Christmass Chimes. My tip is SITTING BULL.

6th Race.

Starters—Osiris, As You Like It, Mongolian Stag, Sunning, Noukhail, Teuchit, Billiards, Henceforth, Thracian. My selection is

OSIRIS.

7th Race.

Starters—Lobster Bay, O'Moon, Little Thunder, Fair Sport, Fifty Fifty, Pickle. My tip is FAIR SPORT.

8th Race.

Starters—The Tiger, Peppercorn, New Year's Eve, King's Counsel, Silver Queen. I think the winner will be THE TIGER.

9th Race.

Starters—Osiris, Mongolian Stag, Duke of Milan, Happy Day, Shiny Pearl, Arabian Sea, The Jamaica, Kirribilli, Andantino. The winner should be MONGOLIAN STAG.

SELECTIONS.

1st Race:

One Third.

November.

Blue Boy.

2nd Race:

Apollo.

Boxing Eve.

Royal Flush.

3rd Race:

African Eve.

Christmas Frolic.

Pickle.

4th Race:

Christmas Belle.

Mount Elburz.

Diana.

5th Race:

Sitting Bull.

President Hall.

Wisdom Stag.

6th Race:

Osiris.

Noukhail.

Teuchit.

7th Race:

Fair Sport.

Lobster Bay.

Fifty Fifty.

8th Race:

The Tiger.

Pickle.

Peppercorn.

King's Counsel.

Mongolian Stag.

Andantino.

9th Race:

Shiny Pearl.

Jamaica.

Kirribilli.

Happy Day.

Armonia.

Christmas Belle.

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As You Like It.

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The speaker was Dr. Cyril Norwood, head master of Harrow, who responded to the toast of "Education" at the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, held in Guildhall, with the president, Col. William Parker, in the chair.

When the history of the century came to be written, continued Dr. Norwood, it would be said that the first twenty-five years were years of extension in education. He was not quite so sure as some people that they would prove years of progress.

"There is one great problem before the teaching profession, and that is to face the fact that the educational system of this country is not yet wide enough. We are far too much inclined to fill up the black-coated professions. With all respect to those present, I say we provide far too many secretaries and not enough people who are fit for commerce and handicrafts."

Too Many "Fin Lizzies."

"We have got to find some wider system which will suit the new academic type of people—the great majority of boys and girls whom we have to educate up to the age of 15. We are face to face with the old educational problem of how to produce quality as well as quantity, and I am afraid we may be manufacturing a vast number of educational 'Fin Lizzies' and not enough 'Rolls-Royces'."

Sir Malcolm Robertson, lately H.M. Ambassador to the Argentine, stressed the immense importance of the study of languages and the openings for trade in Central and South America.

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Tresses.**

The International Hairdressers' Congress has just taken place in Vienna, and, as such international gatherings usually do, it concluded with a solemn resolution.

After careful and conscientious deliberation the assembled hairdressers decided to resolve:—

That it has become impossible to wear short hair, be it bobbed or shingled, with the long dresses ordained by the present fashion in women's wear.

Hairdressers in all countries will now, presumably, recommend their clients to grow their hair. To the indignant young woman who will complain, with a shrug of the shoulders, that it was all the fault of the dress designers,

At the congress one intellectual delegate pointed out that short hair had been in accordance with the revolutionary period which set in after the war, while the present tendency all over the world was reactionary. Kings and dictators were returning.

A Dying Mode.

The fashions of the pre-war period, and even of the last century, had again been adopted. Hairdressers would be swimming against the current of the time if they attempted to maintain the dying mode of short hair. Another speaker was passionately advocating that the hair-dressers should advise their clients to remain faithful to the bobbed or shingled head.

When short hair was first launched after the war, it was a symbol for the liberation of women; a symbol of a new time, of a definite break with passing fashions. The pioneers of the bob had always maintained that it was a definite reform, not a "vogue", a definite proof for the victory of common sense.

Women were in the middle of business life. They were active in all sports, and were too busy to spare the time for long hair. By adopting the resolution, said the speaker, hairdressers would betray the best interests of their female clients.

Symbol of Freedom.

Women had already capitulated to the designers of long-skirts. If they would definitely abolish short hair in consequence of the con-

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gress resolution, then the symbol for their new freedom would have gone, an important achievement would have been lost, and in spite of the vote women would again be unfree. They would once more be dependent on small chivalrous services of men and hindered in all modern business pursuits.

Another delegate seconded the opposer by declaring that fashion designers and cloth manufacturers had a real practical interest in advocating long dresses which would enable them to earn more. But the earnings of hairdressers were on the whole independent of whether short or long hair was adopted.

The profession, he said, should utilise this fortunate independence

to support and save the bob and the shingle in the interests of their feminine clients.

The vote was taken amid terrific excitement and the result announced amid deadly silence. Eighty-four delegates had voted for, and twenty-one against, the resolution.

Death sentence on short hair had been passed.

Shoe and Leather Fair, which opened recently at the Agricultural Hall. Last year shark-skin shoes were suitable only for heavy country wear. The new shoes are as soft and comfortable as the finest kid. The surface is like a close layer of tiny pin-heads. It is dyed in attractive shades, and is said to be perfectly rain-resistant.

Reptile-skin shoes in black, burrush and nightingale-brown are also popular, and though Russian boots have quite disappeared, the rubber Wellington remains in favour, in reds, blues, greens and other colours to match bright-hued mackintoshes.

SPANISH TREND.

A correspondent writes in a Home paper of November 8:

At a famous dress salon where beautiful women always congregate I noticed last week three very good-looking sisters discussing clothes. All were wearing the very new semi-Spanish looking winter coats of cloth.

The Marchioness of Anglesey had chosen blue with a collar of blue fox. Lady Violet Benson was wise in insisting on a distinguished black, with Persian trimming, whilst Lady Diana Duff-Coope selected beige with a collar of silver badger.

Lady Keeble was another handsome woman busy debating which suited her best, a "clever" beret or a Spanish hat, both in black, assisted by one of those gaily coloured scarves she so often affects.

As usual, the beret gained the day. There is so much character in an ingeniously designed beret. No wonder women love the style. I also noticed Lady Joan Verney, naturally interested in clothes, as her daughter is marrying early next year.

TASTE IN SHOES.

Smart women will soon be wearing shoes made from salmon-kin. Within the next few months, it is expected, fashionable footwear will be featuring the silver and black scales of the lovely fish.

A new kind of shark-skin shoe is already represented at the Interna-

HALLOWE'EN PARADE.**Gown Glittering With
Mirrors.**

When a few notably beautiful women consent to appear in a costume pageant, wearing weird and wonderful raiment, the result is always entertaining.

Mrs. Alexander McCordquodale seems to be the dress designer "par excellence" for this kind of attraction, all in the good cause of charity, and again her talent was offered for the pageant which was the chief attraction of the "All Hallowe'en Ball," at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on October 31.

From Other Lands.

In seeking to trace the origin of the old superstitions on which we have been brought up, there is ample proof that other countries than our own have traditions which would make the "origin" of certain quaint customs their own. Yet we have always believed them to have foundation in an old Britain!

This decided the organisers against issuing a programme on which the original stories of the superstitions might have been repeated, to be treasured as a souvenir.

Broken Mirrors.

The Countess of Carlisle consented to lead the parade of Superstitions in a most becoming black velvet gown glittering with mirrors in such a way that there was no mistake that it is meant for "Broken Mirrors."

Lady Hamilton Grant was called upon to wear a novel dress, mostly in white American cloth, to represent "Upsetting the Salt."

"Crossed Knives" was a little easier with the silvery-grey medium which Mrs. McCordquodale used before in dressing the "Cutlery" costume of last season, and a magnificent gown was the lot of Mrs. Evan Morgan as "Opals."

Mrs. Roland Cubitt, who had much to do with this ball, was the "Three Candles," an uncommon superstition, of which few appear to know the origin.

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FUTURE OF SUEZ CANAL.

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Some interesting comments are made on the subject of the Suez Canal and the traffic crisis by Signore H. Molinari, writing in the leading Italian paper Corriere della Sera. The general economic crisis, he says, which is holding up several million tons of shipping in the ports of the world, and the high profits of the Canal Company make the question of Suez a prominent one.

He asks if a change is not necessary, which will enable Europe to retain her commercial position in Asia and Africa. It is, he says, impossible to deny the great achievement of the pioneers of the canal, and that the founders of the company obtained fabulous profits is comprehensible, but the present company has nothing to do with the founders, and is none other than a company quoted on the stock exchange, deriving a profit much higher than the advantages it offers. When vast international interests depend on any body, private interests are destined to succumb.

In spite of limitations and high tariffs, and though other means of communications have arisen between the West and the East (the Trans-Siberian Railway, the Bagdad Railway, and Alexandria and Port Soudan) the traffic of Suez has continually increased, and is third in importance in the routes of the world, coming after Europe and North America, and Europe and South America.

In the year 1870, that is the year following the opening of the canal, there passed through its gates 500 vessels of a tonnage of 400,000, and 26,000 passengers. In 1890 these figures had risen to 7,000,000 tons and 180,000 passengers. By the end of last century the tonnage had increased to 10,000,000; in 1913 it was 20,000,000, and last year there passed through the canal both ways about 6,000 vessels with a tonnage of 33,000,000, carrying more than 34,000,000 tons of cargo and 325,000 passengers.

British Share.

The traffic for the year 1929 is the highest yet reached. De Lesseps calculated that a tonnage of 6,000,000 would be sufficient to ensure a large profit to the shareholders of the company; many years have now gone since this figure was surpassed.

Great Britain is represented today by slightly under 60 per cent. of the total traffic. The remainder is divided between Holland, 10 per cent., France 6 per cent., Italy about 5 per cent., whereas Germany has risen from 1 per cent. in 1921 to 10 per cent. last year, thereby exceeding her highest pre-War traffic.

Another interesting indication, the writer continues, of the development of the undertaking is the value of the company's shares. They were issued at 500 francs; in 1871, when British opposition to the undertaking was still felt, they fell to about 160; in 1900 they were worth 4,000 francs, and to-day they are quoted at 18,000 francs per share. The receipts of the company for last year were about 1,200 millions; the net profit after large deductions, was 750,000 francs.

But the change in world economic conditions has not failed to make itself felt in this artery of the world, and the canal to-day is in a state of symptomatic weakness. This year the receipts have already diminished by about 5 per cent.; besides, the company has been forced, beginning from September, to reduce somewhat its transport charge (25 centimes) on 6.90 gold francs, paid to-day per registered ton; one gold franc reduction per ton for vessels passing through the canal empty.

Oil Transport Project.
This reduction does not seem to have been made solely in order to help the shipping companies during a period of acute crisis, but rather to prevent the realisation of a scheme to transport oil from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean by means of a pipe line, thus dispensing with the use of the canal. The scheme bristles with difficulties, for it would mean constructing a pipe line for a distance of about 1,600 Kilometres (988 miles), through not too safe desert territory; but it is not inadmissible in view of the experience which has been acquired in the construction of pipe lines over long distances. The realisation of the project would entail serious loss on the part of the Canal Company, about 10 per cent. of its present income of 1,600

EASTERN PORTS.

DETAILS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended November 29, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:

Plague.

Tamatave: 2 cases, 2 deaths. Alexandria: 1 case. Bagdad: 2 cases, 1 death. Pnom-Penh: 3 cases, 3 deaths.

Cholera.

Bombay: 2 cases, 1 death. Iloilo: 1 case, 3 deaths. Bangkok: 1 case, 1 death. Saigon: 1 case.

Small-pox.

Cochin: 5 cases. Karachi: 1 death. Madras: 5 cases. Rangoon: 1 case. Penang: 9 cases, 2 deaths. Pnom-Penh: 1 case, 1 death. Saigon: 1 case.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, December 4. Hin-Sang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Sandakan, buoy No. B47.—J. M. & Co.

Friday, December 5. Burgenland, German str., 4,820 tons, Capt. C. Dehncke, from Shanghai, buoy No. A24.—Jebson & Co.

Canada Maru, Japanese str., 8,553 tons, Capt. S. Arai, from Moji, buoy No. A9.—O.S.K.

Demodocus, British str., 4,183 tons, Capt. J. L. Sprott, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4.—B. & S.

Gofuku Maru, Japanese str., 1,425 tons, Capt. S. Miura, from Keeling, buoy No. B11.—Sato Y. & Co.

Kwangtung, British str., 1,672 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Hainan, buoy No. A1.—B. & S.

Ranchi, British str., 8,849 tons, Capt. Cecil Brooks, D.S.O., R.D., R.N.R., from London via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Rawalpindi, British str., 16,600 tons, Capt. R. H. Stringer, G.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., from Yokohama via Kobe and Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Roko Maru, Japanese str., 2,012 tons, Capt. H. Ikeda, from Canton, buoy No. B19.—D.K.K.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. C. H. Jones, from Canton, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Ting Sang, British str., 1,232 tons, Capt. W. P. Baker, from Canton, buoy No. B36.—J. M. & Co.

Tjikini, Dutch str., 3,014 tons, Capt. W. F. H. Burger, from Semarang, buoy No. A28.—J.C.J.L.

Sydney Maru, Japanese str., 8,237 tons, Capt. S. Nomura, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Tons of tankers passed through the canal last year.

But even if the project remains in the air, it is an indication of the harm that Suez is causing to transport, and as an attempt to avoid the costly compulsory transit of the canal, in order to bring cheap raw material to Europe. The canal concession lapses in 40 years, and it is the desire of all countries that it should be renewed. It should be an open channel, the expenses of which (pilotage, dredging, etc.) should be defrayed by the nations in proportion to their traffic.

The article concludes by asking whether the canal cannot be freed without waiting for the lapse of the concession. It also points out that Japan, with her manufactures and low freight charges, has firmly established herself in India, Aden, Ceylon, Zamboar and Suez, and is completely conquering these markets for those goods (chemicals, explosives, solvents, etc.) which encounter the greatest restrictions in transit through Suez. All this is resulting in European trade.

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LLOYD'S REGISTER.

SOCIETY'S NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES.

The annual report of Lloyd's Register for the 12 months ended June 30 last, reviews the numerous activities of the society, which now include, besides a great deal of work in connection with ship-building and shipping, the inspection of civil aircraft, the survey of refrigerating machinery in railway cars, and the inspection during construction of the first high-pressure water tube boiler to be fitted to a railway express locomotive. This boiler, which has a working pressure of 450 lb. per square inch, was designed by Mr. H. N. Gresley, chief mechanical engineer of the London and North Eastern Railway, in collaboration with Mr. Harold E. Yarrow, and was constructed by Messrs. Yarrow and Co. of Glasgow. Various passages in the report show the great influence now exerted on shipbuilding by the construction of oil tankers, which represented 20 per cent. of the tonnage classed by the Committee of the Register, and 55 per cent. of the tonnage for which plans have been passed by it, and clearly, but for the building of these vessels, the state of the shipyards must have been much worse than it has been. It contributed notably to the total of 637 vessels, of 1,807,816 tons gross, which were classed during the 12 months, as compared with 637 vessels, of 1,748,807 tons, in the 12 months immediately preceding, and also to the large number of vessels for which plans were approved by the committee during the year. These were for 601 vessels, of 2,081,610 tons, which were actually the greatest in numbers and tonnage since 1920, when plans were passed for as many as 1,299 vessels, of 4,422,640 tons. For purposes of comparison the figures for the most active year before the War—1912—are included, when the number of vessels for which plans were passed was 893, of 2,600,000 tons.

Falling Off in Orders.

The great output of oil-tanker ships cannot be expected to continue indefinitely—the recent production, coupled with the check to the normal growth in the demand for oil transport consequent on trade depression, has already been reflected in a change from high to low freight rates and from good employment for all tankers to much idleness, and the Register points out that the scarcity of tanker tonnage which was experienced last year is being "rapidly overcome." As regards ordinary cargo vessels it recognises the relationship between the state of the freight markets and shipbuilding, and that with freights at their present low, and in many cases unremunerative, there is no inducement for ship-owners to order new vessels. It is not surprising, therefore, that the most recent returns indicate a heavy falling off in the placing of orders which has been most marked in the returns for the past three months—these are stated to be less than 50 per cent. of those for the corresponding period in any of the preceding three years. Passages in the report show the marked developments which have been taking place in marine engineering, and it is certain that if British owners saw any possibility of employing vessels profitably they would contract at once. That has always been their policy, and, from a technical point of view, the inducements to build new tonnage of economical types are now probably greater than they have ever been. Lloyd's Register is obviously at least as well equipped as it has ever been to promote construction, and like all other interests engaged in commerce, it would welcome an improvement of commercial conditions which would again benefit shipbuilding.—The Times.

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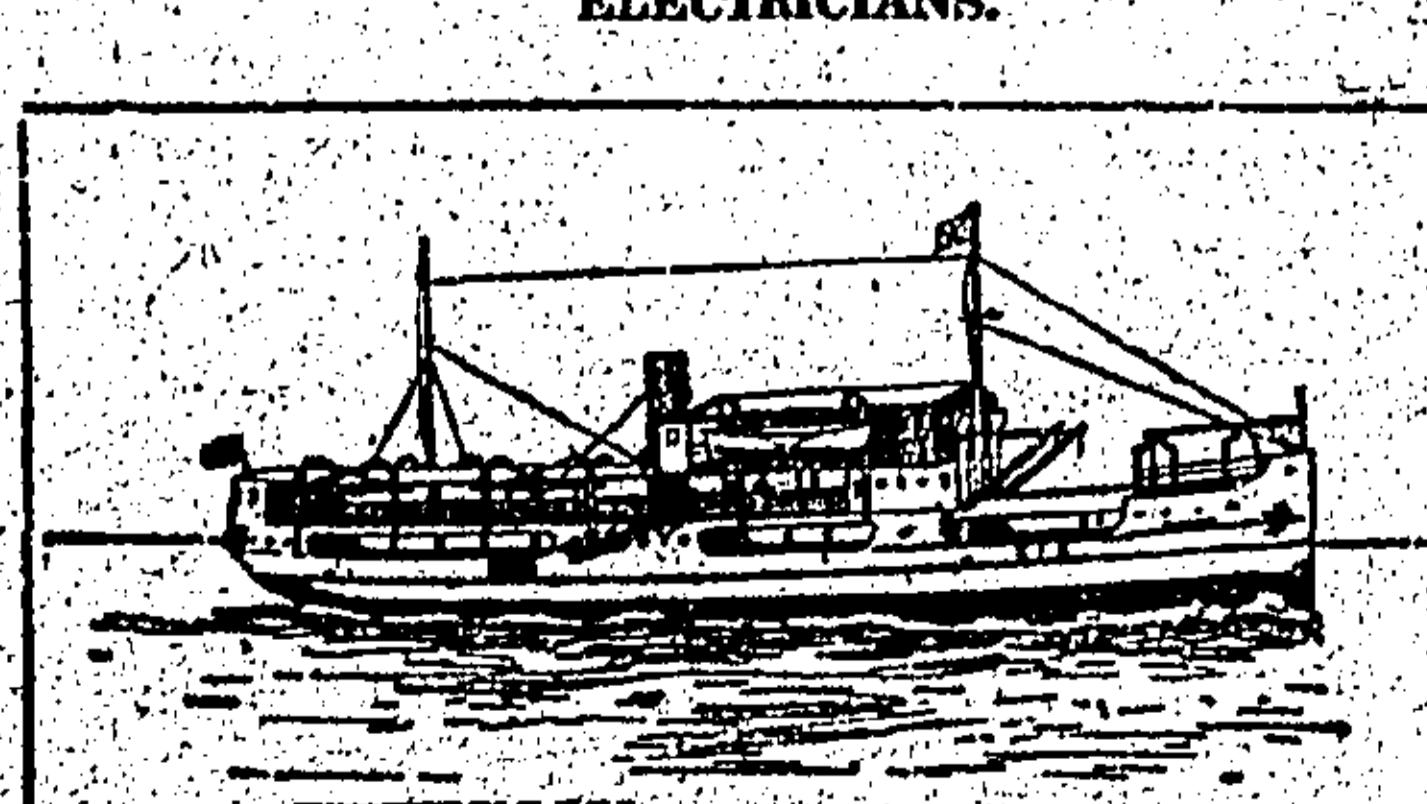
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Sammy Lee, former Ziegfeld dancer.

mechanical reason." Seastrom admits that his early experience as an actor was of vast aid in initiating him into the secrets of dialogue requirements. The director stated that contact with the directorial forces of various Hollywood studios, since his return from Sweden, convinced him that directors as a whole were infinitely pleased with the audible turn of events, particularly now that the first doubtful stages were over. "It has given them that refreshing feeling of a new job or in a manner of speaking, a new suit," he said smiling. "As for my being afraid of the talking medium . . . these scares they have thrown into me have proven ghosts in the dark."

"LORD BYRON OF BROADWAY"

Stars are often without honour in their own home town. This was most certainly the case with Charles Kaley, violinist and tenor soloist, first at the University of Southern California, and later in Abe Lyman's band.

He sang for two years in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, and not a film producer gave him a tumble.

He went East, and made a sensation with "Earl Carroll's Vanities," and later became the talk of Chicago as a master of ceremonies at two theatres.

Then came the talkies. Then came to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Neil Martin's best seller "Byron of Broadway," a comedy-romance of a song writer with five love affairs.

Three score of players were tested, and all lost the job to the debonair brown-haired, brown-eyed lad who had to go away from Hollywood to win the attention of its movie magnates.

"Believe me I was glad I came originally from Los Angeles when this chance came," Kaley told an interviewer recently. "You see I know the movies very well indeed. I have been in all the studios and know practically every player in the business. You see them all at the Coconut Grove. I came to know most of their problems, and I had always hoped to get a break like this, so I kept studying against that day. I hope the folks will like my screen work, for like most Californians, I like the State and will appreciate the chance to stay there that success can give."

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director, and Albertina Rasch ballets are attractive features of the production.

"SAFETY IN NUMBERS."

In "Safety in Numbers," the modern music-comedy-romance in the Central Theatre, "Buddy" Rogers revels in the type of picture that singles him out as an ace of versatility.

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"LET'S GO NATIVE."

"Let's Go Native" comes to the Central Theatre on Tuesday next. It is the work of George Marion, Jun., and Percy Heath, the witty gentleman who turned out that scintillating confection for Buddy Rogers—"Safety in Numbers."

There are five very winsome tunes in the show, and there are 75, very winsome chorines. The names of the songs are "Jazz," "I've Got A Yen For You," "It Seems To Be Spring," "Let's Go Native," and "My Mad Moment."

The names of the chorines are—all well it doesn't matter; they are all exceedingly joyous to look upon.

But best of all to recommend it to diversion-seekers is the cast list of "Let's Go Native." The stars are Jack Oakie and Jeanette MacDonald. Mr. Oakie was in "The Dummy," "Sweetie," "Hit the Deck," "The Social Lion" and "Paramount on Parade." Miss MacDonald was in "The Love Parade," as the queen, and in "The Vagabond King" as the princess. In "Let's Go Native" she's a plain American girl, which is even better than the parts she played in the first two pictures. Then there are Skeets Gallagher, Kay Francis, Eugene Pallette, William Austin, James Hall and David Newell.

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For a new type of ship, the Hermes was wonderfully equipped and in most respects was a marked improvement on the ships which had been converted into aircraft carriers during the war. She has a displacement of 10,850 tons, while the Eagle, our largest aircraft carrier, displaces 22,600; the Courageous and Glorious, 22,600; the Furious, 22,450; and the Argus, 14,450 tons. The Hermes was laid down at Elswick, where she was launched in 1919, and was completed at Devonport.

The vessel is to recommission at Chatham next Thursday, for further service on the China Station. Capt. J. D. Campbell, who was appointed to the Hermes on January 17, 1929, and brought her home, will be succeeded, by Capt. E. G. Mackinnon, who was Senior Officer of the Reserve Fleet at the Nore in 1926-29, and recently completed a senior officers course.

RADIO

TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Chorus—

It's a Long Long Way to Tipperary, Madelon Victor Novelty Band (22487).

Song—

Blue is the Night, James Melton, Tenor (22439).

Song—

Dangerous Nan McGrew, Helen Kane, Comedienne (22407).

Song—

It Happened in Monterey, John Boles, Tenor (22372).

Piano Duet—

St. Louis Blues, Thomas Waller-Bennie Paine (22371).

Song—

It's the Same the Whole World Over . B. Billings & C. Robison (22483).

Orchestra—

The Man I Love, The Victor Salon Orchestra (35914).

7.30-8 p.m.—Operatic:

Pearl Fishers, Creator's Band (36001), Flying Dutchman (Wagner), Maria Jeritza (6577).

Ye Birds Without Number (from Pagliacci), Mary Lewis, Soprano (6578).

8.30-9 p.m.—Orchestra.

Minuetto in B Minor—

March Military, Medley of Waltzes (German), Victor Salon Orchestra (9308).

Vienna Waltz, Rosamunde (Schubert), Victor Salon Orchestra (9807).

Serenade & Flight of the Bumble Bee, Valse Triste, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (6579).

Moments Musical (Schubert), Victor Salon Orchestra (6928).

8.30-9 p.m.—Chamber Music.

Jocelyn—Berceuse (Lullaby), Pablo Casals (6630).

La Plus Que Lente—Valse, The Maiden with Flaxen Hair, Jascha Heifetz, Violinist (6622).

Lo, Here the Gentle Lark, Marion Talley, Soprano (6593).

Naila, Liebertraum, Wilhelm Backhaus, Pianist (6582).

9 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.05-10.45 p.m.—Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—

Won't you Tell Me Hon, Waring's Pennsylvanians (21888).

Fox Trot—

Outside . . . Irving Aaronson and His Commanders (21888).

Fox Trot—

I'll Be Blue Just Thinking of You, African Serenade, Nat Shilkret & the Victor (22520).

Fox Trot—

Don't Tell Her, The Victor Orchestra (22520).

Waltz—

Bonflight on the Colorado, The Victor Orchestra (22520).

Song—

The Happiness Boys' Going Abroad, The Happiness Boys' in London, B. Jones & E. Hale (22491).

Fox Trot—

How are you To-night in Hawaii? Why Have You Forgotten Walkie?, Victor Orchestra (22510).

Fox Trot—

Hullabaloo, Baby, Won't You Please? McKinney's Cotton Pickers (22511).

Fox Trot—

There's a Wah-Wah Gal in Agua Caliente, On Revival Day, J. Johnson & His Orchestra (22468).

Song—

You Brought a New Kind of Love To Me, Livin' in the Sunlight, Maurice Chevalier, Baritone (22405).

Fox Trot—

You Brought a New Kind of Love to Me, Livin' in the Sunlight, The High Hatters (22409).

Fox Trot—

I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Diga Diga Do, Cotton Club Orchestra (38008).

Waltz—

Coquette, Fox Trot—

Lover Come Back to Me, The Connecticut Yankees (21880).

Song—

A Cottage for Sale, The Woman in the Shoe, The Revelers (22382).

Fox Trot—

Dancing to Save Your Sole, All I Want is Just One, Gus Arnheim and His Orchestra (22384).

Fox Trot—

There's Danger in Your Eyes, Cherries With You, Warlings Pennsylvanians (22293).

Waltz—

Until We Meet Again, Sweetheart, One More Waltz, Ted Florio & His Orchestra (22521).

10.45 p.m.—Relay of Boxing Tournament held in the City Hall by kind permission of the Boxing Association.

Closes Down.

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Nine record of performance birds exhibited at the recent world's poultry congress in London found buyers overseas, according to a communication to the Manitoba Free Press. These birds had been sent from Winnipeg, Brandon, Medicine Hat and Carman.

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INWARD MAILS

From	To	Per
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LENOX SIMPSON —
THE MAN.Appreciation by
His Friend.

HIS WORK FOR CHINA.

Because I knew Lenox Simpson, both as employer and because I was closer to him perhaps than any man has been, I would like to say a little regarding the nature and character of him whom I learned to admire and revere, writes H. V. Millington in the Straits Echo.

Just a little regarding the hectic happenings that have centred round his name during the past few weeks. He has been accused of seizing the Tientsin Customs, and it has been declared that his "crimes against the Government and people of China were deserving of the severest punishment by due process of law."

Treaty Rights.

Lenox Simpson did not seize the Customs, and even had he done so, he would merely have perpetrated an act which the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen unsuccessfully attempted, while he himself was a 'rebel.' The Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, is a member of a government which was itself rebel when I was last in China, but there was no talk then that the rebel armies of Chiang Kai-shek were committing crimes against the people of China. Had Lenox Simpson committed a crime, he could have been punished for it by British law. If he were guilty of illegally aiding and abetting a crime against the Government, then every foreign envoy in the Legation Quarter of Peking should have been placed in the dock with him, for they aided and abetted him.

The Customs are controlled by a Briton, according to treaty between the Powers and China. The Inspector-General is the English head of the Customs. Had Lenox Simpson seized the property under his control, the Inspector-General would have asked the British Legation to arrest him. But the Inspector-General did not do so, and the entire Diplomatic Body, representative of every foreign power in China, allowed him to continue at his post.

Lenox Simpson was the occupant of the official house of the Tientsin Customs Commissioner at the time he was murderous attacked from behind. He had just returned from Mukden, where he had gone at the urgent request of his old friend Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. This fact was not reported by the cables which reached Malaya, for propaganda has an insidious way of carrying out its mission.

Saves Eugene Chen's Life.

Lenox Simpson was appointed Commissioner and High Advisor to Marshal Yan Hsi-shan for the same reason that every President of China with the exception of Chiang Kai-shek sought his advice and help, particularly when they were in trouble. Years ago, before he had the whole world at his feet, Eugene Chen was in trouble; in fact, he was waiting to be executed, for he had published something in his newspaper which amounted to a "crime against the Government." While he was in jail he sought the one man whom he knew would help, hence he sent the following message out to Lenox Simpson. "My real name is Ah Cham. I am a British subject, having been born in Trinidad. If you cable the British Foreign Minister he will confirm it." Lenox Simpson did cable the Foreign Minister, and confirmed Eugene Chen's claim, hence he promptly demanded the latter's release. On attaining his freedom, Eugene Chen fled to Tientsin, where he renounced his British citizenship. Gratitude!

Years afterwards, when Eugene Chen and Sun Yat-sen were in Peking, the former asked me to thank Lenox Simpson for the service he had rendered him in 1917. It was not long after this that Eugene Chen carried on the most virulent anti-British campaign which has ever been known in China. Such was his gratitude.

Because I knew Putnam Weale so well, my estimation of him may be exaggerated, but it is because there are so many among the Chinese of Malaya who do not know him, that the foregoing facts have been stated.

Dinner had finished, and the three men were settled in the smoking-room of the hotel.

"Yes," said the Englishman, "my family is fairly good. I have traced some of my ancestors and found that one held up Queen Anne's train."

"Speaking of trains," put in the second man, "it isn't so many years ago that my grandfather held up a mail train in Texas."

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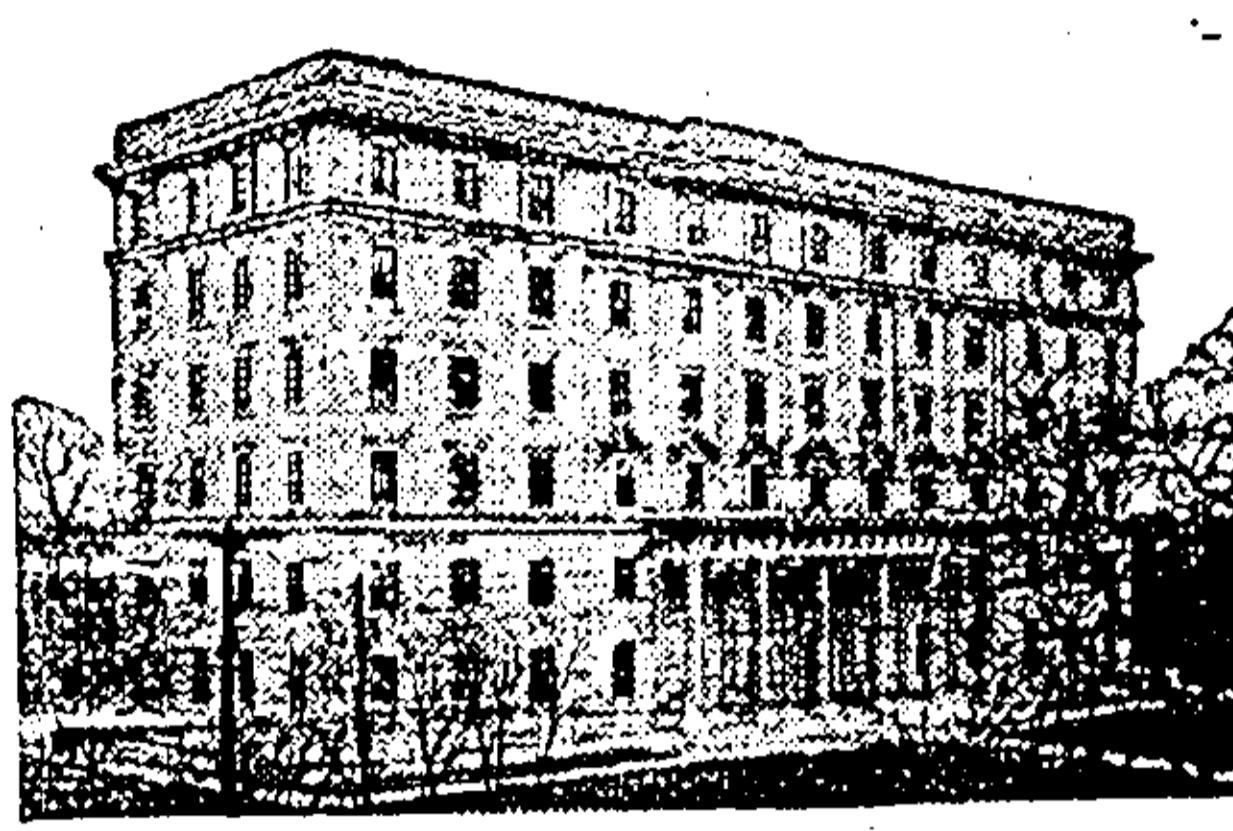
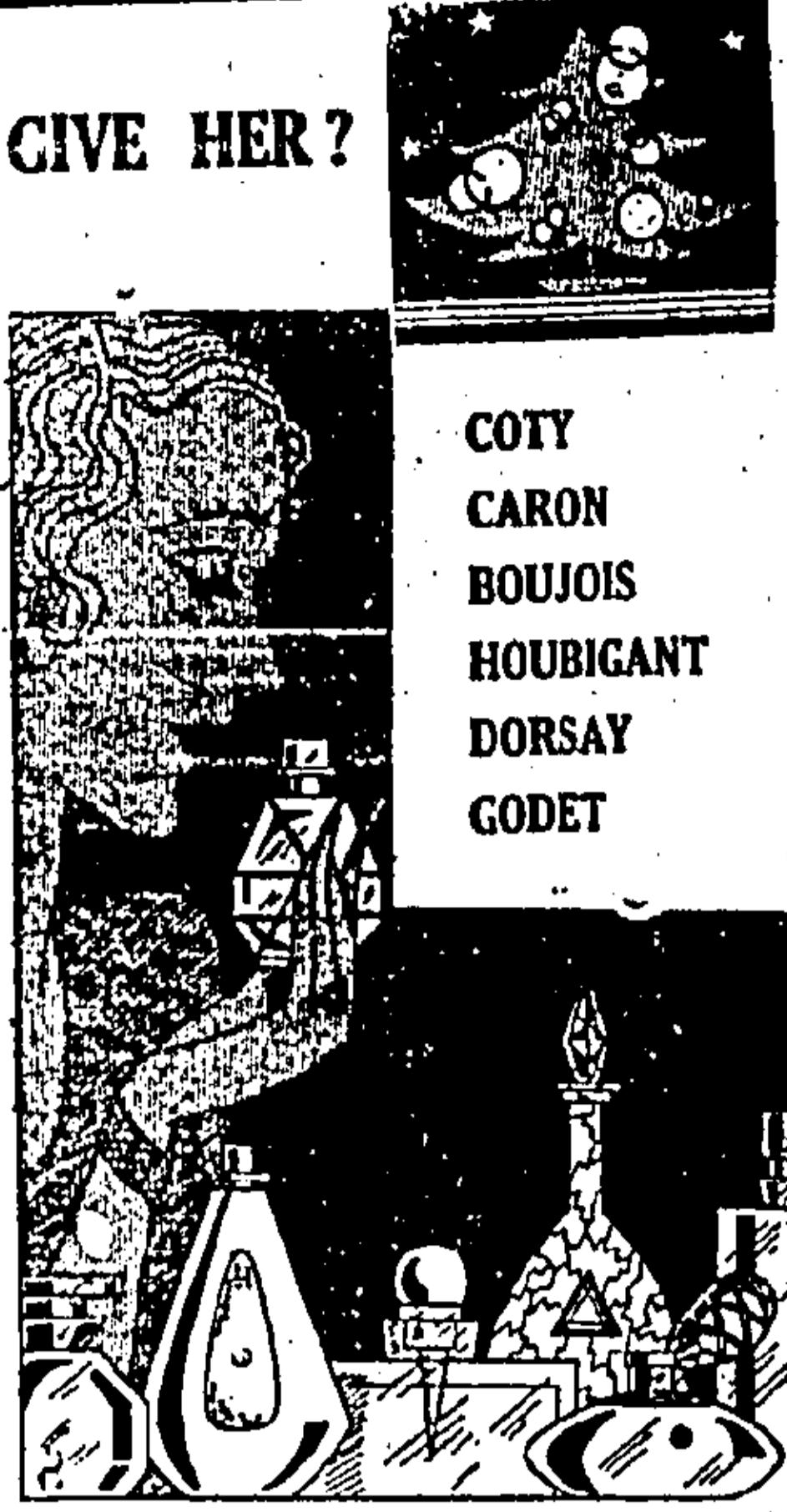
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ADVERSARIA.

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Oddities of auction
A Well-bridge are con-
Balanced stantly being re-
Rubber. ported to us. Here
is one. First score
(A) was three in no trumps, aces
easy. Second was two in no
trumps for B, honours again
easy. The B side got the leg next
call with the thumping score of
seventy, 100 for grand slam and
100 for aces. Points 290 to 30.
A got two no trumps and 30 for
aces. Score, leg all, and A 20
below, but 210 points to the bad.
B took another 80 points from
them next call, getting them one
down on a no trumper and taking
80 for aces. Then A went out
with three hearts, getting simple
honours and the 250 for rubber.
If you tot up the scores you will
find they come to exactly 370
each side.

The grasshoppers
Un-Natural hop and so do the
History. fleas.
And so does the
Kangaroo:

Its leaps so astounding
We speak of as bounding
For its leaps are much longer
than these,
Has it ever occurred to you,
That it isn't a whopper
To speak of a hopper
That hops in Hong Kong as we
do?

With logic much sounder
We call him a bounder
A bounder from Woollamaloo.
He isn't from there, it is true,
But it happens to rhyme
And it isn't a crime
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titles. You need not be afraid of being seen entering the place, (if you find it) for several taipans and at least one high Government official frequent it. As Mr. Punch said recently (abstracting P. and O. mail leisureliness), to go there would not be "outray" and at the same time quite "distantang." In case Adversarian is accused by some juvenile contemporary of having a financial interest in "Dirty Dick's," he purposely refrains from telling his readers where it may be found. This paragraph was merely inspired by a lucullan tiffin.

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There is and

Slack never can be any excuse for slack-Secretaries, which amounts to dog-

gone laziness. Yet how frequently do the secretaries of Clubs and other bodies exhibit this slothful habit. The Adversarian has known of many instances where his letter has been returned with a reply scrawled in ink or pencil on the bottom of the page. In other cases, important notices are scribbled in pencil on any old piece of paper that comes to hand and then put up. Any member who tore them in pieces and reported his action, giving the reasons for it, should receive the Efficiency and Accuracy Medal, which Adversarian understands,

the Government contemplate awarding to members of the Re-

trenchment Committee. A secre-

tary who gets a job should do his best to render capable service, and not take advantage of friend-

ship to degenerate into a

slacker.

* * *

The end of the

The End month was like a

of the dream. The boys

Month bowed one in and

bowed one out.

They waved one to one's chair

with the courtly servility of the

stage family retainer, and poised

fore the local

tradesmen, forgetting that there

is usually in such shops some

young man who has waited upon

real ladies at home and knows

the difference. I heard one such

naming two or three of these

parvenu dames the other day,

and was considerably surprised.

So would their husbands be, no

doubt, if they knew.

* * *

I don't think that

Hong Kong we have any men

Men Not like that. At

So Bad, least I've met

none myself. If

there are any, they are probably

young boys newly out. I remem-

ber a happy incident at the

Selangor Club, F.M.S. Down

there, they are more sensible

about hot weather clothes and

the buttoned-up tunic, with only

a singlet underneath, is still worn

by occasional taipans. One even-

ing a bank manager, who had

been playing billiards, sat back

to rest, and left his tunic unbun-

toned. Somebody brought a pink

griffin in, the newest recruit to

the local P. and O. agents' office.

"What do you think of our little

Club?" he was asked. He stared

over his starched collar at the

perspiring bank manager and

said, pointedly: "Jolly nice Club."

Not half bad, at all. But the

company seems a bit mixed, don't

you think?" The bank manager

roared across the billiard table.

"Damn it all. Tell your young

friends that we cannot afford

to be junior shipping clerks."

* * *

Have you been to

A Visit to "Dirty Dick's?"

"Dirty An establishment

Dick's" with so ungracious

brutous a sobriquet

may have escaped your notice,

but if you are anything of an

epicure, you should pay it a visit.

It is an inconspicuous little place

with more of the Soho restaurant

aspect than the elegant air of our

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cuisine is excellent, and the fish

is far better cooked than at many

over-rated establishments where

one has to pay through the nose

for dishes with plumb French

cooking.

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He isn't from there, it is true,

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CORRESPONDENCE.
THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail".

Sir.—In a place like Hong Kong, where there are wheels within wheels, I am compelled to make this criticism of the management of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., under the cloak of anonymity.

I have before me the Company's Report & Accounts for the year ended September 30, 1930, which have just been issued. An inspection of the proposals of the Board as to the distribution of profits is amazing. It seems that in order to pay a final dividend of 50 cents per share, it was not only necessary to draw on the year's earnings up to the hilt, but depreciation had to go down mysteriously, and a substantial undistributed profits carried forward from the previous year. It would thus appear that in the eagerness to provide juice, even the lemon-pipe were squeezed to pulp in this fine example of high finance.

The above are not general statements incapable of being substantiated, for, indeed, they are derived from a no less authoritative source than the Company's Report and Accounts. Any of my readers can verify for himself the fact that the Profit & Loss Account has been credited with a windfall item of \$9,252.20 in respect of premium on shares sold, and with another such item of \$2,634.45 in respect of profit on sales of Plant. From the same account he will also be able to ascertain that notwithstanding an increase in capital expenditure on Buildings, Plant & Machinery, depreciation this year amounts to \$175,136.36 as against \$213,059.28 last year, this year's figure being less by \$37,922.93.

It will thus be seen that if the Profit & Loss Account for the current year were shorn of the above credit items, and if depreciation had been charged at the same rate as in the previous year, the result-



Visitor: "Can your husband write with this now going on?"
Author's Wife: "Not usually, but he's writing his war book."

Everybody's Weekly, London.

ing profit would not be the sum of \$593,065.98 as shown, but rather would be only \$543,256.40, a sum quite inadequate for the total dividend of 75 cents for the year, absorbing \$619,777.23. To put it in another way, if there had been no windfalls, and if depreciation had been charged at the same rate as the previous year, it would only have been possible to pay a final dividend of 50 cents by drawing on the undistributed profits almost to the point of exhaustion.

The Company has grown out of recognition in the last few years. Its capital has increased at an enormous rate. Its capital assets likewise show a great expansion, and whilst the natural sequence would be an increase in depreciation, the contrary has actually been recorded this year.

In the absence of reserves which might be applied for the purpose, a further investment of capital for fresh development must necessarily be a slow process, and shareholders might just as well resign themselves to a period of years of low dividends, for, indeed, the policy of paying dividends up to the hilt of earnings and more, must sooner or later be brought to a halt forcibly.

It should be obvious to any reader that a 75 cent dividend next year which, on the present million shares, would require \$750,000, will be impossible unless the effective profits of this year (\$543,256.40), shorn of all dressings, should jump to about \$800,000. This appears as impossible as the dividend of \$1 per share for the past year, which was confidently indicated to shareholders as a counterblast to the idea of amalgamation with the Hong Kong Electric Co. so much in the air last year.

To obtain a net profit of \$800,000 next year which is, perhaps, the lowest figure which would justify a dividend of 75 cents per share, the profit on Working Account must rise to approximately \$1,026,000, or an improvement of last year of almost 84 per cent. How much of this will be realised is a matter of conjecture, but it is obvious that any anticipation of profits which disregards past experience cannot be taken seriously.

The time is approaching during the next few months when the annual accounts will be presented to the shareholders. I hope that the auditors will do their best to expose the

NOTE ISSUES
OFFICIAL MONTHLY RETURNS.

TOTAL OF \$115 MILLIONS.

The returns of the average amount of banknotes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended November 30, 1930, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks is as follows:

Average Banks	Specie Amount	In Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$18,275,076	\$ 7,800,000
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$3,485,374	\$ 8,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	\$ 3,554,550	\$ 1,350,000
Total	\$115,316,000	\$89,160,000

* In addition Sterling Securities are deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,335,000. In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £2,932,618.

§ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £180,000.

The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Amount	Latest market price
5% Treasury Bonds payable @ 100	£180,000
in 1933/35	103 1/2—104

Working profit.—1925/1926 (Basic year) \$405,639; 1926/1927, \$478,688; 1927/1928, \$630,941; 1928/1929, \$747,186; 1929/1930, \$769,379.

Increase.—1926/1927, \$73,049; 1927/1928, \$82,253; 1928/1929, \$216,245; 1929/1930, \$22,193.

Rate of progress.—1926/1927, 18 per cent.; 1927/1928, 11 per cent.; 1928/1929, 40 per cent.; 1929/1930, 3 per cent.

Average for the period.—18 per cent.

It should be noted that in the above stated average of 18 per cent, the abnormal increase of 40 per cent. recorded in 1928/1929 is included.

The peak in the rate of increase in the profits of the China Light and Power Co. Ltd., appears to have been reached in 1928/1929 and the Company would, indeed, be lucky if the average of 18 per cent. (swelled by the 40 per cent. of 1928/1929) can be maintained; for, indeed, it is common knowledge that since the drop in exchange the local cost of production of almost anything, from shoes to ships, has been forced up.

The popularity of the shares of Power and Light Companies amongst careful investors has been brought about by the realisation that this class: of security, when issued by companies operating in a non-competitive field, enjoys almost an immunity from any general depression, the reason being the extensive diversification of the interests of its customers. It follows, therefore, that bona fide investors expect a conservative dividend policy, in good keeping with continuity, and not subject to the vicissitudes arising from causes totally strange to the service for which the Company was established, amongst which is over-capitalisation. The fact that shareholders of an undertaking may suffer as much from bad business as from the undertaking's inability to maintain the rate of past dividends, due to prospects not progressing at the rate of any too rapid expansion of capital, has evidently been lost sight of by the management of the China Light Co.

The future of the above undertaking is brighter than that of most companies in Hong Kong, and while the recent rise in value has benefited me, I would, indeed, gladly forego this transient improvement for a greater measure of permanency of value.

The course of Ice House Street's prices for shares of this Company appears to have given, to those who move about there something akin to the shuttlecock, which is rapidly going out of fashion in China. I doubt that my nest-egg will have a similar fate, but it may be just as well to remember that the Company has already been reconstructed once, and if its earnings good as they are, should not grow in degree corresponding to the phenomenal growth of its capital, another reconstruction is not a contingency so remote that it should be put aside entirely.

It is not too late to draw up your balance sheet. Emulate the policy of the Hong Kong Electric Co. Small dividends in your youth sink some of your profits in the business, and avoid the risk of spoiled maturity. Yours etc.

AN APPRENTICE
LONDON, DECEMBER 6, 1930.

CHEFOO NOTES.
NEW ODE FOR BOYS' SCHOOL.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chefoo, Nov. 22.

CHURCHES

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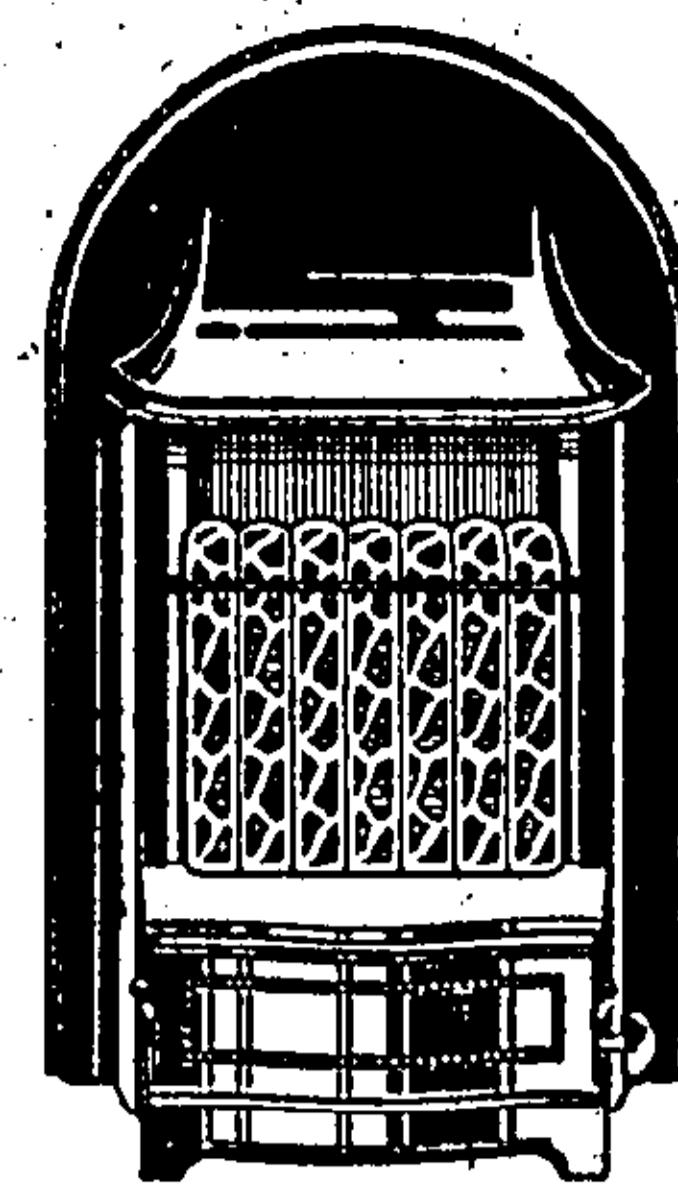
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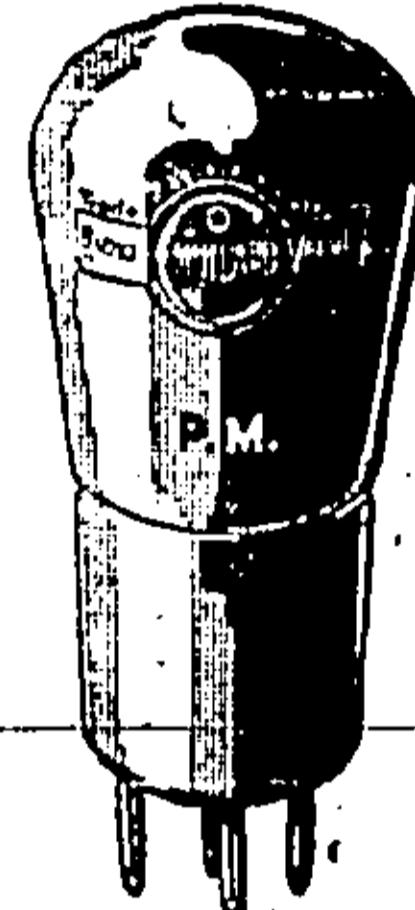


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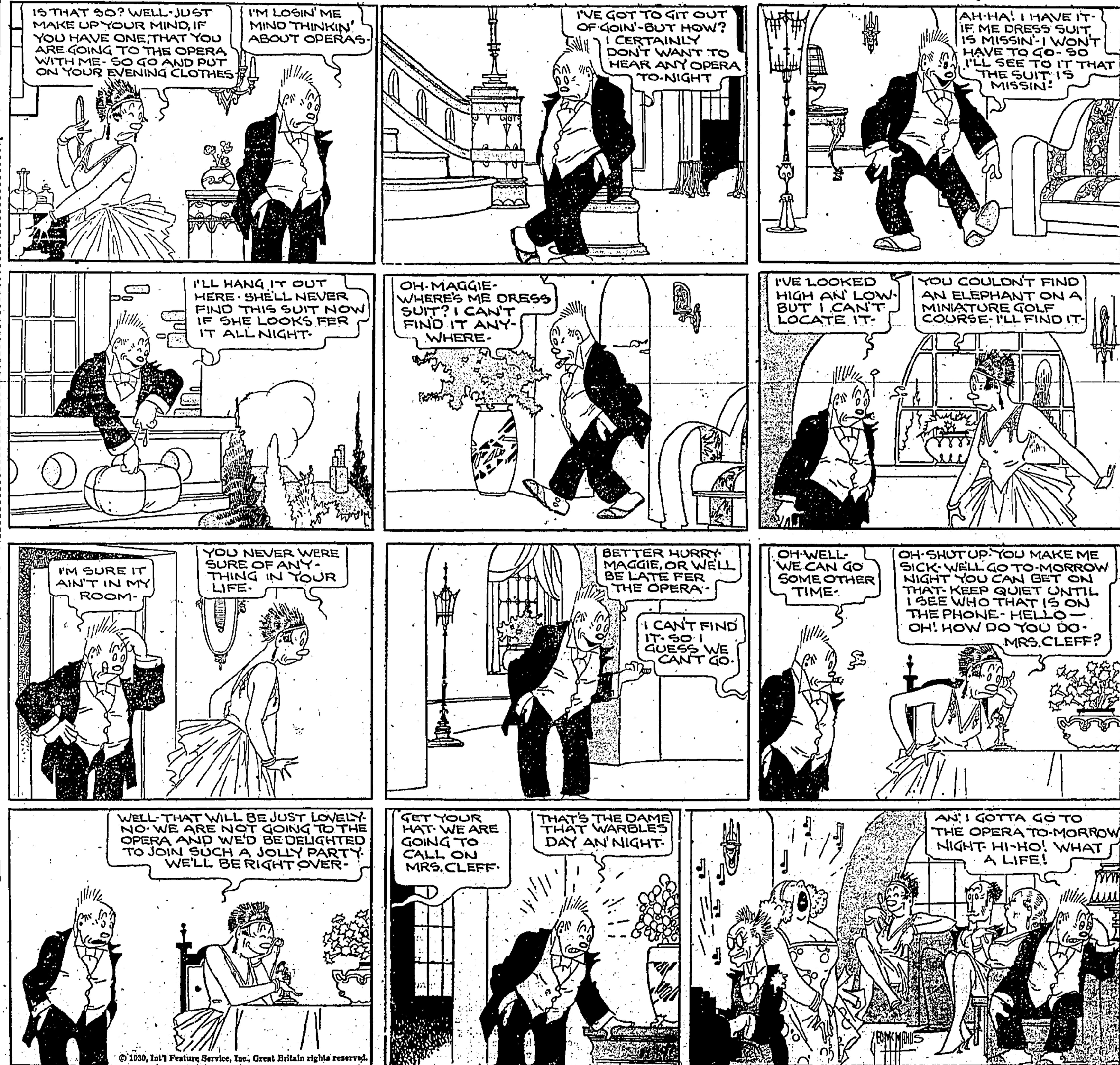
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AUSTRALIAN INTER-STATE MATCHES AND FRIENDLIES.

WEST INDIANS' TOUR

Scores from all over the country are coming in this winter and provide cricket enthusiasts with a little gossip. The M.C.C. are progressing favourably on their tour in South Africa, but gave a poor display when opposing Griqualand West at Kimberley. The West Indians opened their tour in New Zealand with a match against Wellington, but owing to the cold fared very poorly.

New South Wales easily accounted for South Australia, Bradman being in his usual form with the bat. J. S. Ryder's testimonial match was held up by rain but produced some interesting results. Hobbs and Sutcliffe, after a good start in their Indian tour, have lately found scoring a slow job.

Sydney, Nov. 11. A. L. Quinn took 5 wickets for 56 runs.

New South Wales beat South Australia by 213 runs. Scores:—

New South Wales 223 (Bradman 61, Fairfax 62, Hooker 54).

South Australia, 124 (Hooker 5 for 28).

New South Wales 396 (Bradman 121, Kippax 104, Allsopp 93. Devonion 4 for 86).

South Australia, 287 (Nitchke, 141. Fairfax 4 for 54).

The omission of three Australian Test players from the New South Wales team for the first Sheffield Shield match has caused surprise in cricket circles.

Alan Kippax captained the side which also included Bradman and Fairfax, but Jackson, Oldfield, and McCabe were not chosen.



Patsy Hendren.

A crowd of 16,000 saw Hobbs, the England and Surrey cricketer, bat one hour for five runs to-day.

With his famous partner, Sutcliffe, Hobbs was opening the innings for the Maharajah of Vizianagram's XI against the Governor of Bengal's XI. Sutcliffe was bowled after scoring only six runs, and Hobbs was unbeaten when stumps were drawn with only five to his name, the side's total being 16 for three wickets.

The Governor of Bengal's XI batted first, and totalled 178. A. L. Hosie (Hampshire), being chief scorer with 49 to his credit.

The team was:—A. Kippax (captain), D. Bradman, A. Fairfax, A. Allsopp, H. Hooker, J. Stewart, R. Chivers, W. Hunt, W. Bill, C. Andrews, and H. L. Davidson.

Melbourne, Nov. 18.

The Australian Test team scored 267 in Ryder's testimonial match, when they continued their innings to-day. The Rest collected 191 before declaring with three wickets down, and then disposed of five Test team players for 96 runs. When rain prevented further play and caused the match to be abandoned.

Rigg scored 74 and Ryder 65 not out in the Rest second innings. The match was drawn.

The receipts amounted to nearly £3,000. Scores:—

The Rest 293 (Grimmett 5 for 89).

Australia 367 (Bradman 73, Kippax 70, Woodfull 53).

The Rest 191 for 3, declared (Rigg 78, Ryder 65 not out).

Australia 95 for 5.

Capetown, Nov. 6.

In the opening match of the M.C.C. tour, a one-day match, schoolboys, carried away by enthusiasm, gave the tourists a great reception.

The Western Province Schools XV scored 115, Leyland having the remarkable analysis of:—

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The M.C.C. made 294 for 6. Hendren scored 100 in an hour, hitting two 6's and thirteen 4's. Wyatt scored 58 and Sandham 55.

November 11.

The M.C.C. beat Western Province by an innings and 177 runs in the first important match of their South African tour. The scores were as follows:

Western Province, 113 (Tate 5 for 18) and 122 (Leyland 8 for 4, Peels 4 for 31).

M.C.C., 412 for 7, declared (Sandham 72, R. E. S. Wyatt 138, Hammond 100, Hendren 58, not out).

November 17.

Kimberley.—The third match of the tour, was left drawn owing to rain. Griqualand West ran up a total of 310 runs to which Balaskas contributed 83 to-day.

Hobbs declared that he must have signed 3,000 autograph books in three days.

Transfers fees should be curtailed. It has come to light a pitch that the question should be gone into.—G. H. Lawson, chairman of Manchester United.

Boxing verdicts are a matter of opinion. There is no concrete evidence material in football or cricket.

TO-NIGHT'S BIG FIGHT.

Lightweight Title at Stake.

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A FINE PROGRAMME.

Lovers of really fast and skilful boxing are promised a big treat at the tournament at the City Hall to-night, when six contests will be staged, aggregating 47 rounds.

Both contestants in the main event, a 15-round match for the Lightweight Championship of the Colony, are reported to be in good shape, and well inside the stipulated weight, 135 lbs.

Stoker Percy Lake has been seen here before, but A.B. Dobson, his opponent, is a newcomer, who only arrived here a few months ago.

His record, however, is a good one,

and he is the present featherweight champion of the Navy and Marines.

Lake's Fine Record.

Dobson's principal fights have already been reproduced in these columns, and Lake's reputation is well established locally. In conversation with a *China Mail* representative, he mentioned some of the best men he had met and beaten. They included Young Johnny Brown, one time championship contender, Kid Socks, and Ernie Jarvis of Millwall, who was so successful on his American tour, and afterwards was a Lonsdale Belt contender.

Dobson's principal fights are as follows:—

Lost to A. B. Watson on points (15 rounds).

Beat Kid Farlo on points (12 rounds).

Beat Tug Wilson—knock out (4 rounds).

Beat Johnny Kilbane—knock out (2 rounds).

Lost to Andre Reijo on points (12 rounds).

Featherweight champion of France, fight taking place in Algiers.

Beat Benny Sharkey on points (15 rounds).

Navy and Army Champion, 1930.

Beat Sid Smith—knock out (9 rounds).

Lake, a brother, by the way, of Bugler Lake, a former British champion, and now an instructor to the R.A.F., has also beaten Tommy Fielding, light-weight champion of British Columbia, and Rudy Benton, afterwards light-weight champion of China, besides annexing the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and China Fleet titles.

His fight with Benton was staged in Shanghai when he was on the Station a year or two ago, (in 1927, to be precise).

Both men have shown up well in the gymnasium, and have trained hard for the fight. Lake appears to have more experience, judging by his record, but those who have seen Dobson in action have formed golden opinions of him, and greatly fancy his chances. A fast and scientific contest seems certain.

Begbie-Morris Clash.

Jock Begbie and Stinnie Morris are to meet in the first supporting bout. This is sure to be a very keen contest, both men being welterweights of some repute.

Morris has fought here before, and is in fact an ex-welter and middle champion of the Colony. Besides that he won the Navy and Marines Championship at Home this year.

Begbie, who is on H.M.S. Berwick, is an experienced boxer who has met many good men. The fight should be worth the admission price alone, being a main event in itself.

A Full Programme.

Three other six-round contests and a four-rounder make up the card, which is one of the best presented by the Hong Kong Boxing Association for a long time.

The public are invited to the weighing in at 1.30 p.m. to-day at the City Hall.

The full programme follows:—

15 Round Contest for the Lightweight Championship of the Colony and the Belt.—Stoker Percy Lake (H.M.S. Berwick), ex-lightweight Champion of the Colony v. A. B. Dobson (H.M.S. Thracian). Featherweight Champion of Navy and Marines, 1930.

10 Round Contest at 180 lb.—A. B. Begbie (H.M.S. Berwick) v. Stinnie Morris (Royal Navy).

6 Round Lightweight Contest.—Pte. Robert (S.W.E.P.) v. Seaman Maguire (H.M.S. Medway).

6 Round Lightweight Contest.—Seaman Kelly (H.M.S. Medway) v. A. B. Begbie (H.M.S. Berwick).

6 Round Lightweight Contest.—Pte. Stoker Berry (H.M.S. Marathas) v. Stoker Tyack (H.M.S. Berwick).

4 Round Lightweight Contest.—Cpl. Robson (A. & S.H.) v. Pte. McGaw (A. & S.H.).

Obituary.

From Calcutta comes the sad news of the death of George Arthur McIlwaine, the famous young Cambridge University Rugby Blue. He was found dead in bed, and it is stated that death was due to "athlete's heart".

McIlwaine was a skilful wing forward with plenty of pace. He came to England from South Africa, and while at Selwyn College he secured a place in the successful Cambridge team of 1926, 1927, and 1928. Occasionally, he played for Richmond and the Barbarians. In 1927 McIlwaine accompanied D. J.

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

LINDRUM'S INVALIDUE CUE

AN UNUSUAL RUGBY INCIDENT.

NEW HEAVY-WEIGHT

A. R. Edwards (Brighton and County Harriers)

created a new English discus record at Brighton during a sports meeting held in connection with the official opening by the Mayor of Brighton of the new grand-stand at the cricket ground. Edwards attained a distance of 126ft. 8in.

—7in. more than the previous best, accomplished by M. C. Nokes on July 30, 1927.

The world-famed Japanese athlete champion, Oda, who recently returned from the Olympic games at Darmstadt, is going to retire from sport. He is going to graduate at the Waseda University next spring.

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One of the most remarkable funerary services ever held took place, when Wing Commander Kingsford-Smith, in his aeroplane, the "Southern Cross," took aloft the ashes of his father and scattered them over the waters of the Pacific Ocean in accordance with the last wishes of the deceased.

It was across the Pacific Ocean that Wing Commander Kingsford-Smith accomplished his first great flight, and this fact was in the father's mind when he expressed the wish that on his death his ashes should be so scattered.

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"I would not accept £20,000 for my cue," declared Walter Lindrum. He explained that it was made from a piece of ash he had seen casually in a Melbourne store where it had been for a quarter of a century. A composition ferrule gives a wood effect when playing.

"I lock it up in a fireproof case between sessions," said Lindrum. "It would be a tragedy if it were destroyed."

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A Russian heavyweight boxer named Herowitz, who has knocked out his last three opponents in less than one round, and who defeated the Frenchman, Barbosa, this week, in one minute, will be seen in London against Jack Stanley on December 1.

Herowitz, who for the past ten years has played in first-class Rugby, only turned professional a month ago, and despite the fact that he is already 31 years old, is considered by many (says an Exchange Telegraph message from Paris), as a possible world's champion.

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New England Cricket Association reckons it has another Bradman in young Dicky Cuff.

On what was considered a trying pitch, he started batting for Public Service against Kingston at 2.15. At 6 o'clock he was still batting with 251 against his name, including 30 boundaries.

It was a chanceless and fascinating innings, and already the local fans are discussing Cuff's chances of being opening batsman against the next English team.

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Women owners of Dog Racing have won a considerable portion of the money paid out in stakes by the licensed greyhound tracks this season, which aggregate nearly £250,000. The distinction of head of the list of winning owners belongs to Mrs. Arundel H. Kempson, the owner of that gallant greyhound, Mick, the Miller, and of Toftwood Misery and Fond Fashion.

It was worth nearly £1,500 to the winner, the Welsh Derby at Cardiff, the Cesarewitch at West Ham, and the Spring Cup at Wembly, and Toftwood Misery won the Coronation Gold Cup at Wembly and got second in the Oaks.

All these races were open sweepstakes, with substantial added money, and Mrs. Kempson's winnings this year already exceed £50,000.

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One of the queerest Rugby mishaps heard of in sport has befallen J. A. Adamson, the Oxford Rugby Blue and English International trial player.

While playing in a college match he was accidentally bitten on the arm by another player. Blood poisoning has set in, and now Adamson is in a nursing home. He is, however, progressing very satisfactorily.

Such an accident is easier than at first glance seems possible. In this case the arm was knocked against the other man's teeth—unpleasant also, for the involuntary biter!

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T. W. Green, of Belgrave Harriers, the holder of the London walking record, has refused an offer to join Arthur Newton and P. Gavuzzi in professional athletic ventures in Canada and America. Green will leave England for Milan as a British representative in the international one hundred kilometre race. Newton turned professional two years ago, and intends, with Gavuzzi, to open an athletic club in Montreal. They asked Green to take charge of the walking section and enter Canadian snow-shoe races, long distance walks, and the 500 miles walk. Green, however, is not prepared to sacrifice amateur status.

EASIER GOLF

by H. STUART HOBSON

WHEN THE WRISTS COME INTO THE SWING.

EXPERTS IN DIFFICULTIES.

About the best long-handicap man I have played for a long time was one whose corpulence suggested a 24 handicap, but whose golf was many strokes better than this.

On top of the disadvantages of his physical build, this player had a badly damaged right hand, useless for the practical purposes of golf. His swing was a left-handed swing from start to finish, and he drove a very long ball.

My friend might be held up as an object lesson in the value of the left-hand in golf.

Secret of the Scratch Player

"Too much right hand!" is a phrase that has been called in to answer for most of the errors of a complex game. The straight left arm and the downward pull of the left hand have been held to be the secret of the scratch player.

Yet I am not myself so certain that the left wrist is not relatively more important than the left hand.

This question of wrist-work in golf is one about which it seems impossible to find a comprehensive formula. "Keep the wrists firm but not locked," says one player. "Don't bring the wrists in until after the ball has been struck," says another. "Cock the wrists at the top of the swing," says Bobby Jones. "Flick your wrists," says James Braid, "imagine yourself using a corkscrew—the tautness followed by the incisive snap as you withdraw the cork."

Nothing is conflicting in all this good advice.

Golf is too esoteric for the vocabulary of the English language, that is all. We all mean the same thing, but, like the bishop in the bunker, we can find no words to express ourselves.

The Wrist Action.

I am inclined to like my own simile as much as any of the others.

The swing is like the throwing of a stone. That is why women are not so quick to master it as men. The earliest recollections of the small boy will concern pitching pebbles into a pond, and flinging a ball and throwing it back. There is a characteristic wrist action used, and that wrist action is the wrist action of the golf swing.

"Delayed wrist action," I have heard it called.

But here again you have an expression that means nothing unless you know already the action that is described.

To Avoid Slicing.

A chief cause of slicing is lack of wrist action. The player lifts his left elbow as he comes through

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GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notified the following starting times for to-morrow:

9.00 a.m.	H. Spicer, C. B. Pigott
9.04	J. H. Crawford, H. W. July
9.12 to 9.20 a.m.	Not to be booked. Championship matches below should be allowed to pass any matches in front.
9.20 a.m.	N. L. Smith, F. J. de Romi
9.25	J. Newton, J. S. MacLaren
9.30	J. W. Frank, A. H. Musson
9.35	H. U. Ireland, J. M. Walker
9.40	L. W. Shewan, O. E. G. Marton
9.45	A. T. Lay, A. B. Stewart
9.50	A. H. Ferguson, J. K. Macfarlan
9.55	I. H. Gear, L. G. S. Dodwell
10.00	K. S. Robertson, J. G. Campbell
10.04	D. J. Gilmore, J. Sturt
10.08	D. Ellis, S. S. Perry
10.12	T. Grant, H. Hampton
10.18	W. A. Butterfield, D. G. McAvoy
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Cheltenham Lost by One Point.

BEDFORD WIN.

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Bromsgrove	10
Harrold	0
Edinburgh	24
Watford	8
Brighton	5
Old Bedfordians	14
Weston Favell	11
Old Whittington	12
Eastbourne	15
Blackheath Estrie	18
Epsom	11
Old Boys' Col. Camb.	12
Whitgift	12
Notting Hill	12
London Irish	12
Trent	8
Old Morleyians	8
Woolwich	8
Royal Masonic	8
Christ's Hospital	10
Wellington (Som.)	0
Christ College, Brecon	20
St. John's, Leatherhead	10
St. George's, Hanover Square	10
Lincoln	10
Whitgift II.	20
Framlingham	6

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

Hockey—To-day—Y.M.C.A. II., v. H.M.S. Bruce, King's Park, 4 p.m.

Racing—To-day—Twelfth Extra Race Meeting. Monday. Entries close for Thirteenth Extra Meeting, noon. December 13—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting.

December 21—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting, February 15—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting, January 18—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

The Crack of the Wrists.
Because they think of themselves as hitting it. If they could think of themselves as throwing the head of the club at it, and sweeping it off the tee, they would find everything come more easily.

Sweeping the ball away is not the whole secret. A mere sweeping action can be very loose and useless. It is the whip-like crack of the wrists, just after the club-head has swept to the ball, that makes the real shot at the ball.

And why do golfers bat at the ball?

Swing the Left Elbow.
Nothing is easier than to say, "Keep the left elbow in!" but if the whole swing is formed in such a way that it cannot be made without this fault, then the coming away of the left elbow is a symptom, not a cause, of the trouble that causes slices.

More often than not the left elbow is pushed out by a dip of the right shoulder.

What is the cause of the digging down of the right shoulder? Usually nothing more than hitting with the right hand—batting at the ball, instead of sweeping it away.

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I studied the left wrist of my one-armed good golfer, both in action and out of it; the wrist was both flexible and powerful, and it clearly played its part in the swing.

Many golfers find that it helps them considerably to tune up for a coming round if they devote a few minutes before teeing up to practice swings made with the left hand alone. It is not easy at first to swing a club fluently while using only one hand, but the more easily you can do it the more certain you may be that the left wrist plays its part in your golfing swing.

To Avoid Slicing.
A chief cause of slicing is lack of wrist action. The player lifts his left elbow as he comes through

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WHO WILL WIN?

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE GAMES
AT HOME.

[Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Linesman."]

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GIRLS OF LONG AGO.

MAUD.

Maud had been ill with fever, so her father took her aboard his ship for France, thinking the sea air would do her good.

It was a great adventure for Maud. As she rested upon a bundle of hay on the deck, she thought of the important mission on which they were bound. Her father had been commanded to bring to England, secretly, a special cargo for Queen Joanna, the French step-mother of King Henry the Fifth, and Maud was thrill-



"Maud . . . watched the waves all the way to Brittany, where the precious cargo was taken aboard."

ed by the very names of the wonderful things they would soon have on board.

"A barrel of anchovies," she murmured, but she was not at all sure what anchovies were. "Seven cases of lamps—marvellous lights, so my father says, quite different from candles. And sixty pipes of excellent French wine. We shall unload in London, so I shall see

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

This is a little story of a boy I used to know, Who went to school with me some fifty years ago;

He always learned his lessons, yet was very fond of play,

And thus his time was passed in a very happy way.

He was liked by every teacher and by all the boys at school, For kindly were his ways and so many as a rule. He would help the weakest always, at lessons or at play, And do the best he could to make a happy day.

And the goodly influence of that boy was felt by many others; He seemed to make us know the joy of being brothers; And within that old-time school, teachers and scholars, too, Were helped by one good boy who was honest, kind, and true.

Now, I wonder how many boys who are reading this to-night Will start to-morrow morn and do whatever is right? Be kind to all your class mates, your teacher, mum, and dad, And say as you awake each morn, "I'll make somebody glad!"

And then in after years, just as I've done to-night, Some one will tell a story should YOU do things aright; And he'll say it's a little story of a boy I used to know Who went to school with me some fifty years ago.

A Good Reason!

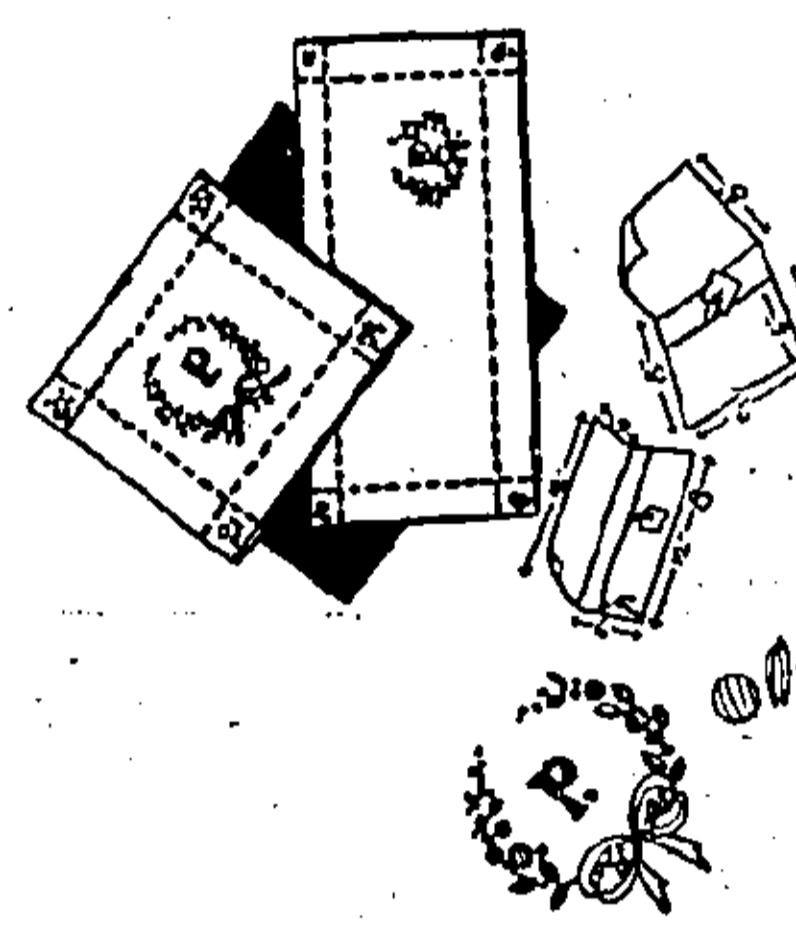
"Now, children," said the new master, "let us imagine that a man working on a bridge has lost his hold and fallen into the river. Picture the scene! The man's terrified cries, the excitement of the onlookers. His wife rushes to the bank. Now, children, why does she rush to the bank?" A small bored voice from the back seat: "Please, sir, to get his insurance money."

WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

Making Christmas Presents.

HANDKERCHIEF SACHET AND GLOVE CASE.

An embroidered linen handkerchief sachet, with glove case to match, will be a delightful present for Mother or Big Sister. For the sachet, you will need a piece of linen eight inches wide, and twenty-two inches long. Lay it flat on the table, mark eight inches up each of the twenty-two inch sides, and fold it over. Fold up the remaining six inches, so



The Handkerchief Sachet and the Glove Case. Dressmaker tells you how to make and embroider them.

that you have an envelope bag, as shown in the tiny Diagram A. Sew up the sides to form the bag, hem the top of the pocket part with the tiniest stitches you can manage, and turn in a wee hem all round the upper flap.

Now you are ready for the embroidery. Rule a pencil line one and a quarter inches in from one side of the flap, then rule another the same distance from the opposite side. Rule two similar lines at the top and bottom edges, and work them with running-stitches in coloured thread—blue or red on buff linen, brown on yellow, purple on lavender, and so on. Work a tiny posy in each of the little squares formed in the corners: a satin-stitch circle and two lazy-daisy stitches for leaves will do. Now pencil out in the centre of the flap the initial of the person for whom you're making the sachet. Work this in satin-stitch; draw a wreath round it, and embroider the flowers with satin-stitch and the leaves with lazy-daisy stitches, like Diagram C. Use all the bright coloured silks you can find for this wreath, and embroider a bow in satin-stitch at the base.

The glove case is trimmed in exactly the same way, but the measurements of the case are different. This should be twelve inches long and six inches wide when it is made up—Diagram B gives the number of inches. Work the initial and the wreath in the right-hand corner. If you make two tiny lavender bags, and stitch one inside each sachet, your gift will be all the sweater!

Wendy's Dressmaker.

A SERIOUS JEST.

The little girl was crying. Her mother, to distract her thoughts, called:

"Oh, come here, darling—come here and look at the aeroplane."

The little girl ran to the window and stared up at the aeroplane till it disappeared. Then she got out her little wet handkerchief again.

"Mamma, what was I crying about?" she asked.

A Miracle.

A minister addressing a country school on sin and temptation said: "If a rosy apple was on the teacher's table, the teacher was out of the room, all the children were busy, and a boy that had had no dinner was at the table and took the apple, what would that be?"

Jack: Sin.

Minister: But if the hungry

boy had the chance, but didn't take the apple, and it was still there when school closed, what would that be?

Jim: A miracle.

THE FAIRY AND THE FIVE PARTRIDGES.

Long ago, when kings had the right to levy certain tolls on their subjects, there was a young knight, called Aymon, who was obliged to take five partridges to his sovereign on the first day of Autumn. Now this annoyed Aymon tremendously. He would have given gold, or a fine horse, or a sack of corn, rather than the five partridges which he had to shoot.

One year, he could find no partridges in his woods. He tramped nither and thither with his bow and arrows, but no little brown bird came his way. Very soon the sun would set, and after that no good hunter would draw his bow.

"I shall be late with my toll, and most likely it will be doubled for next year," said Aymon aloud.

"You should not have left it till the last moment," laughed a merry voice. "It is such a small toll, compared with your riches, and lands, and castle, Aymon."

To his amazement, Aymon beheld a lovely maiden sitting under a tree, and he knew at once that she was a fairy maid. Harbells twined about her head, her gown was woven from the most delicate ferns, and round her feet were chains of buttercups.

"Maiden, command me to do a great deed for you!" cried Aymon.

The maiden laughed, and clapped her hands. Immediately five partridges flew out of the hedge, and Aymon took them for his toll.

Day after day, he went and talked to the fairy maid, and at last he persuaded her to marry him.

"On condition that you never grumble about those five partridges again," she said.

Aymon promised that he would never grumble about anything again, and for one year they lived in perfect bliss. Then, on the last day of Summer, Aymon remembered the five partridges. He immediately began to grumble—and the fairy vanished before his eyes.

As he went sadly out with his bow and arrows Aymon came to the conclusion that it was easier to do great deeds than small things!

LIGHTNING.

There is a saying that lightning seldom strikes twice in the same place, and another which advises one not to shelter during a thunderstorm, under a tree, as a tree is capable of attracting lightning.

So, in a humorous way, let me say or suggest, To evade every danger, what I think would be best,

With the storm at its height, and with lightning severe.

Before taking shelter wait till everything's clear,

And the tree has been struck—then go and get under,

With no fear of lightning and less of thunder;

For the tree that is stricken won't be stricken again,

And there lies your safety, and

your shelter from rain.

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

How To Make A Noah's Ark.

A PRESENT FOR A SMALL BROTHER.

Here is an interesting little toy which you can easily make from odd pieces of packing-case wood, about a quarter of an inch thick.

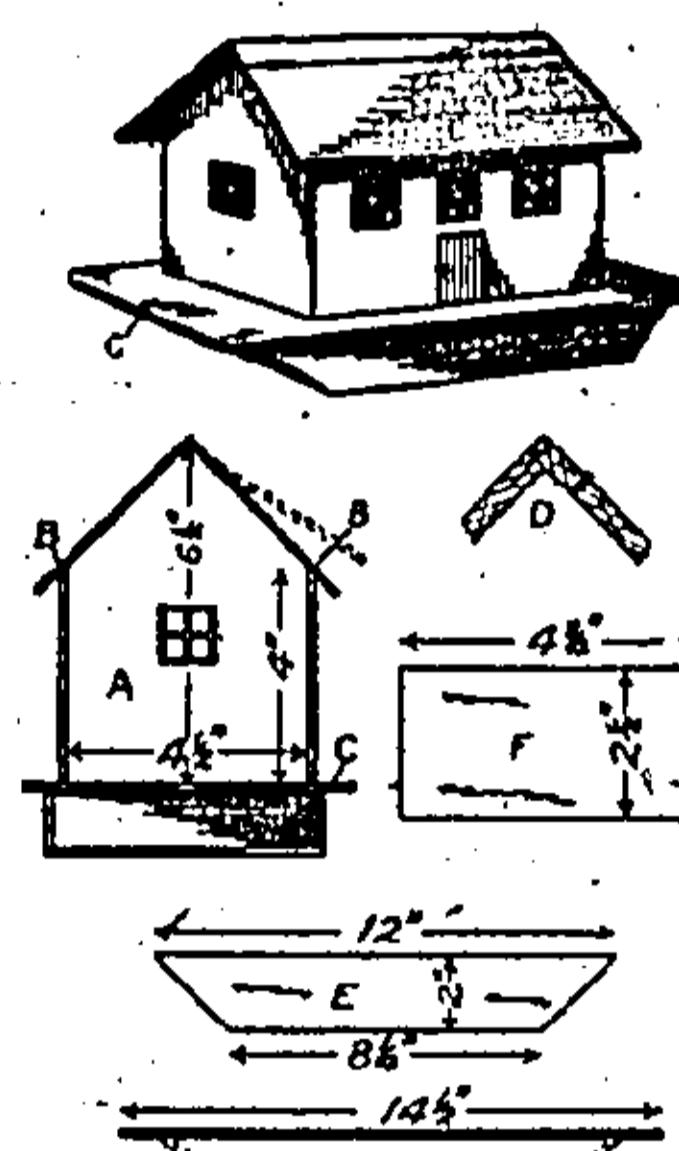
Mark out the two ends of the house to the sizes given at A, and cut these to shape. The little window in the centre of each piece can be painted in afterwards. Plane all edges and finish off the surface of each part with glasspaper.

Each side of the house measures nine inches by four inches. Mark out three windows and a door on one side, and three windows only on the other. Glue and nail the side pieces to the ends. When the glue has set, bevel the top edges of the sides at B.B. to the same angle as the sloping roof.

For the deck C, saw and plane a piece of wood, fourteen and a half inches long and six inches wide, and round off the corners. Nail the sides of the house to the deck with fine wire nails driven in from underneath.

One side of the roof is eleven inches long by four inches wide and the other is the same length, but a quarter of an inch wider to allow for the overlap at the ridge shown in Diagram D. Nail the back part of the roof on first.

The front is divided at a distance of one inch from the top edge, and hinged to form a lid. The narrow part at the top is nailed on, so



A Noah's Ark made from packing-case wood. The diagrams will help you to understand Carpenter's instructions for making it.

that it overlaps the back roof part as shown.

Cut two pieces of wood to the sizes given at E, for the sides of the hull, and two more pieces F, for the bow and stern. Nail these parts together so that the parts F come between the sides, and then bevel the edges of each end piece. A piece of three-ply wood will do for the bottom G, which can be cut to the required size and nailed on. The deck, with the house mounted on it, can now be glued and nailed to the hull.

To finish the toy, paint it in different colours, or, better still, paint the hull and deck only and decorate the house with doll's-house paper—brick pattern for the sides and ends, and slate tiling pattern for the roof.

Outline the window frames in white, paint the panes blue and the door dark brown.

You will, of course, want some toy animals to put into the Noah's Ark, and next week I will tell you a simple way to make these.

The Hut Carpenter.

OUR SWEET-MAKING CORNER.

Chocolate Ice.

Scrape some chocolate, and dissolve two heaped table-spoonsful of it in about two table-spoonsful of cold water. Bring slowly to boiling point, stirring all the time. Strong cocoa may be used instead of chocolate, but you will require a little less.

Put one pound of white granulated sugar into a saucepan with a teacupful of cold water, cook very slowly until the sugar has dissolved, and then boil quickly for three minutes.

Take the saucepan from the fire, add one tablespoonful of milk and the prepared chocolate. Stir well till the whole becomes a nice smooth cream, evenly mixed; pour into a dish, and, when set, cut into squares.

"HOME SWEET HOME."

There are not many of us who do not know at least the first verse of "Home, Sweet Home," but the third verse is one that it seems to me is full of charm:

"How sweet, too, to sit 'neath a fond father's smile; And the cares of a mother to soothe and beguile; Let others delight, and new pleasures to roam; But give me, oh, give me, the pleasure of home."

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The word hidden in last week's puzzle was "despots," as you probably discovered for yourselves if you thought about the two letters and the dots we drew beside the puzzle. The letters were D and E, and the dots were, of course, spots—therefore "Despots."

Full solution:

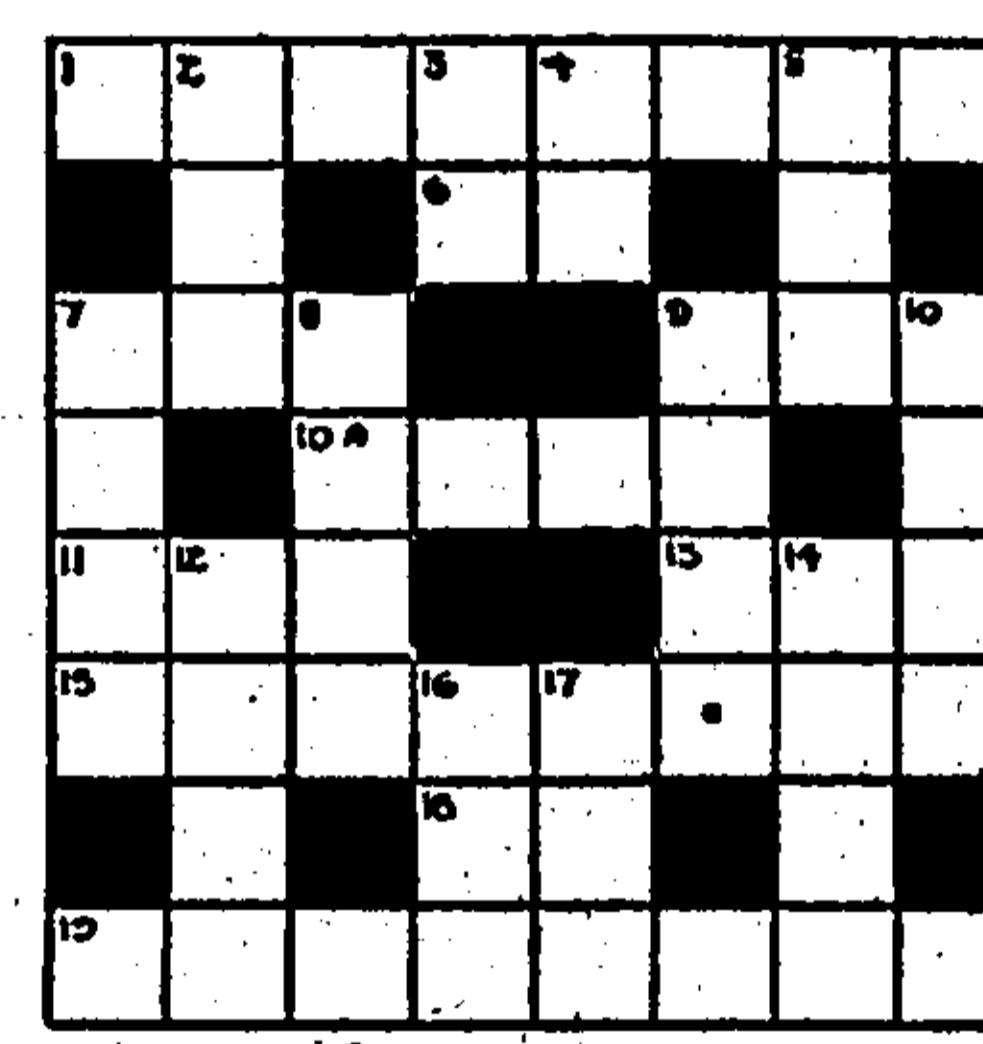
Across.

- Hurry (Rush).
- Ripped (Torn).
- Number (One).
- Pebble (Stone).
- Very warm (Hot).
- Kernel in a shell (Nut).
- Hidden word (Despots).
- Girl's name (Ada).
- Fish (Eel).
- Chief officer of a city (Mayor).
- Induced (Persuaded).

Down.

- Wealthy (Rich).
- Same as 9 across / (Hot).
- Number (Ten).
- Bird's home (Nest).
- Negative (No).
- Ship that goes by steam (Steamer).
- Went in (Entered).
- Strange (Odd).
- Employ (Atop).
- At the top of (Lead).
- Guide (You).
- Pronoun (You).

Here are five letters. If you read them correctly you will find out the word we have hidden in this week's puzzle. The word means "to be lazy." It is not spelt exactly the way the letters suggest, but it is pronounced the same.



What English word does this suggest to you?

Clues:

Across.

- Condemned to exile.
- Preposition.
- Pronoun.
- Used in geography lessons.
- Hidden word.
- Possessive pronoun.
- Animal.
- Gifts.
- Conjunction.
- Gives up hope.

Down.

- Remains of a fire.
- The thing.
- Therefore.
- Girl's name.
- Sea-going vessel.
- Besides.
- Stingy.
- Not false.
- Disturb.
- Soft food.
- Historical period.

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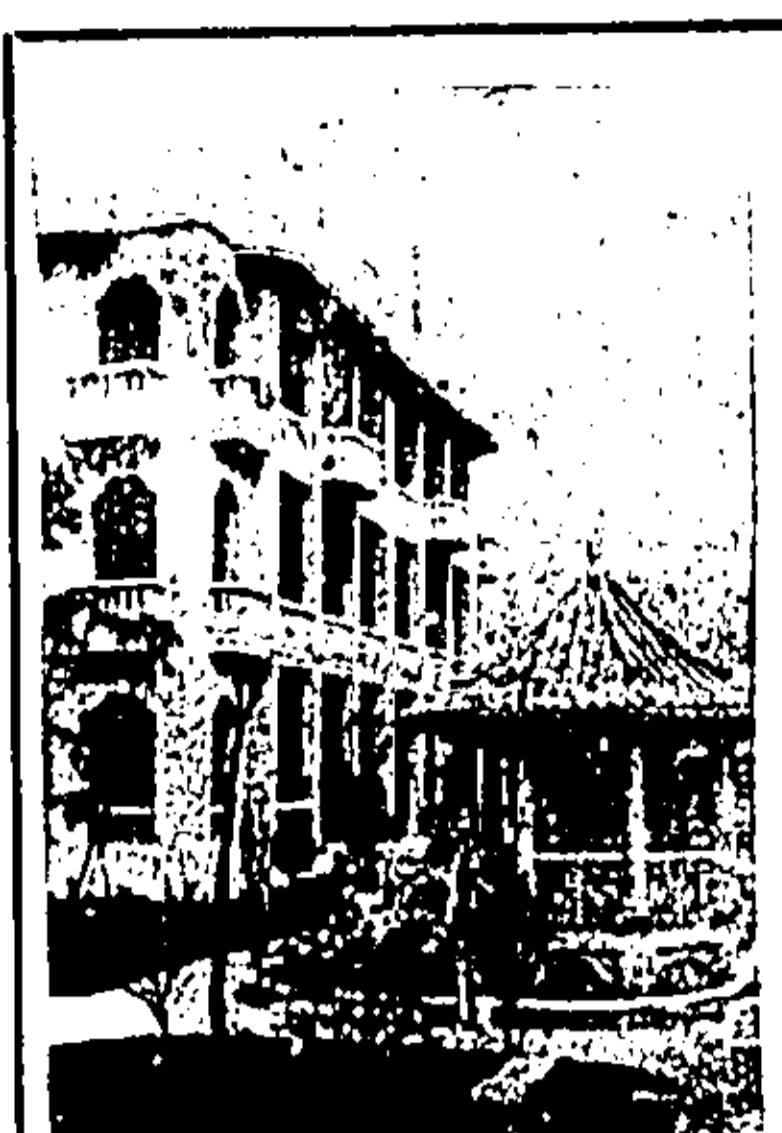
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS.**MAIL REVIEWS.****The Enigma of William Shakespeare.**

"Shakespeare Authorship," by Gilbert Stadden; Cecil Palmer, 1/-]

Still they come. Books on the enigma of the Shakespeare authorship are becoming as numerous as those on Napoleon. This latest booklet is more or less a summary of the findings of J. F. Looney and Percy Allen, and reaffirms that Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, was the writer of those plays, poems and sonnets usually attributed to the Stratford actor. Mr. Stadden is more convincing negatively than positively: he gives quite plausible reasons why Shakespeare could not possibly have had the knowledge or the vocabulary displayed in those masterpieces, but he fails to convince us that Oxford was their sole author or even the chief of a group of authors. In reading such books as this and Looney's we are reminded of Omar's remark—"and heard great argument about it and about, but evermore came out by the same door as in I went!"

Professor Connes has cleverly and humorously shown how it can be proved that Shakespeare, Bacon, Derby, Rutland, and Oxford each wrote the plays. But after all, in spite of Messrs Looney, Ward, Allen and Stadden on the one side, and Saintbury, Sydney Lee and J. M. Robertson on the other side, the question of the authorship is secondary to the grand fact that we have the plays themselves.

A WINNER SPOTTED?

"Lovely Clay," by Maytie Greig, published by Ernest Benn, Ltd.; price 7/6 net.]

In Maytie Greig's latest book it is probable that Ernest Benn, Ltd., have spotted a winner, though it is not so much the story itself as the way in which it is presented which makes the book so attractive.

The story deals with cabarets and night-life in London, and is like other stories of its type. The hero Guy and the heroine "Lyn" who stray in and become enmeshed in the gilded web are likewise in no way new to fiction! Yet in spite of all this, the story is intensely interesting and vivid and grips the reader's attention from the very first page.

The characters are well-drawn and convincing and one follows their fortunes with a sort of breathless interest right up to the very end. This interest is sustained in every chapter and we can recommend "Lovely Clay" as a well-written and arresting book.

A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

"Out of The Window," by Madeline Linford; published by Ernest Benn, Ltd.; price 7/6 net.]

It is difficult to discover just what object this authoress had in

view when writing this book. She appears to start by tackling a problem which has baffled many people for many years—and of that of the girl who marries beneath her station.

Having introduced us to "Ursula," a delightfully well-bred and charming girl she strains our credulity when she makes "Ursula" fall in love with the young Socialist workman, "Kenneth." Though his beauty and likeness to a young Greek-God are constantly stressed, yet the idea conveyed to the mind of the reader is that of a singularly unattractive young man!

With his surly manners, bad accent, ill-fitting clothes, and repellant home and Mother—it is impossible to imagine the parents of Ursula calmly submitting to such a marriage!

Having got Ursula into an impossible position as the wife of this disagreeable young workman the authoress suddenly gives up all attempts to solve the problem she has created, and decides that Death is the only way out of the difficulty! She accordingly kills off one of her victims, and to say which one it is, would rob the story of its only surprise!

The characters are all well and skilfully depicted, and this seems to make it all the more regrettable that Madeline Linford could not find a better plot round which to group them.

ENGLISH SURNAMES.

The Norman invasion, followed by the long predominance of French in Court and Parliament, is enough to account for the large number of our French surnames, though it by no means follows that their bearers are of French descent. For the tongue of the dominant caste at once translated into its own terms the names of those who served it wherever these were directly derived from a man's occupation, so that Arrowsmith became Fletcher, Bowman became Archer, Wright became Carpenter, and so on. And even when this was not done for him, the native would often be very ready to fitch the appearance (and the worldly advantage) of a distinction which his descent did not warrant, by using instead of his own patronymic an equivalent from the language of his betters.

Real Norse names are more frequently met with in the North of England and in Scotland, very many of the Highland people being nearly akin to the Scandinavians. This kinship is revealed not only in their physical appearance, but also in the special tune of the notes which their voices follow in speaking. Anderson, though common to both sides of the border, especially abounds to the north of it, along with the variant Henderson, though Andrew (Scotland's patron saint) has displaced as a Christian name the older form of Anders from which the surname is derived. These names often derive from the diminutive or popular form, so that

Will, Wat, and Sandy replace the Graver William, Walter and Alexander in Wilson, Watson and Sanderson. The prefix MAC is a characteristic of Scotch names and has the effect of the son after them, in the leading Celtic clan name of MacDonald. Thursfield, Thoresby and Thorley are variants of a Scandinavian original which are found to the south of the Tweed; but the name of the great northern god is nowadays more often veiled under such disguises as Tuttle and Tuffery, which give no hint of the original thunder.

Inquiring Spirit Stilled.

Few people know or (unfortunately) care to know the meaning or the origin of their names, even when these are continually encountered. In fact their frequency stills the inquiring spirit. Shepherd explains itself, but less obvious is the fact that Barker is a synonym for the same word (but not for a loud dog or a man who strips a tree-trunk), its present form having been reached by successive corruptions from the French Berger. Smith and Miller are good Anglo-Saxon, like the vast bulk of the con-

provide merely a sprinkling among the general mass.

Accidental Identity.

And it must always be remembered that many names have a purely accidental identity with English words to which they are in nowise akin, having reached their present form through centuries of mispronunciation by the unlettered before the advent of a fixed spelling. Thus the apparently simple catch-word is a corruption from the French Chasse-Loup or Louve, a nickname for a Wolf Hunter, Cathedral (as a name) is a corruption of the quite English Cathederal, probably first given unfalteringly to an over-thrift and self-stinting person, and Fletcher may not only imply French fleche but also old English Fleisher, i.e., a Butcher.

[From "A Year in England" by W. Thorley; Allen and Unwin.]

A NEW GUIDE TO INVESTMENT

At the present time, following a period in which there have been many happenings causing disturbance of business and financial conditions, a sound work dealing with investment may be considered opportune. Mr. Caudwell, whose closely reasoned "Preface to Mining Investment" last year attracted considerable attention, has now written a careful and comprehensive guide reviewing the whole subject of investment and indicating which classes of stocks and shares are the most dependable, and for what reasons. ("A Practical Guide To Investment: A Review of the Comparative Merits of all Types of British Stock Exchange Securities, by F. W. H. Caudwell, B.A.: Elingham Wilson, 7s. 6d. net.)

The book has been designed to fulfil the need of professional and business men and women of getting a clear view of exactly what the present-day field of investment offers and to show how money may be invested safely and to the best advantage.

There are chapters illustrating the pros and cons of Gilt-edged Stocks, Foreign Bonds, Debenture Stocks and Preference Shares, Railway Stocks, Gas and Electric Supply Securities, Breweries and Distilleries, Industrial Securities, Rubber and Tea Shares, Oil Shares, Mining Shares, and American Stocks, mention being made in their course of more than three hundred sound securities of all types.

The "Guide" ends with a chapter entitled "Saving of Income Tax" and appendices setting out the rules of trustee investments, minimum Stock Exchange commissions, stamp duties, and so on, with perpetual yield and compound interest tables.

As the author points out, there are now well over 35,000 securities available to the British investor, and the average person confronted with this immense list finds it almost impossible to distinguish what is most advantageous in it. Mr. Caudwell has, therefore, been at pains to discuss the factors affecting modern investment with the utmost degree of clarity, to give illustrations which may be of practical utility, and to present his facts in the most convenient form.

TRAINING GROUND OF NATIONS.

During the Scout year just concluded Scoutmasters from eighteen foreign countries have attended courses of training at Gilwell Park, the Scoutmasters' training centre in Epping Forest.

These Scoutmasters, who are additional to those from all parts of the British Empire, came from Austria, Armenia, Egypt, Holland, Spain, Belgium, Germany, United States of America, Finland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Switzerland, Latvia, Norway and Denmark.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"Sometimes there happens to people of real intelligence that which happens to ears of wheat, which go on growing and holding their heads proudly erect, so long as they are empty; but when, in their maturity, they are filled and are big with grain, they begin to lower their heads in humility."

—Montaigne.

SCOUTING IN WALES.

Signs of the times come from Wales, with the news that Scouting there is on the up grade.

Last year there were 353 Groups of Scouts in Wales with a membership of 18,858. It was announced at the Annual Meeting of the Welsh Scout Council at Llanidloes, that the Groups have now increased to 400 and the membership has increased to nearly 16,000.

ARE BOYS GROWING SOFTER?

Two schoolmaster speakers at the Conference of the Northampton Boy Scouts expressed the opinion that the modern boy was less self-reliant than his predecessors.

Mr. E. F. Leach, speaking as a school-master, said that he found there was a softening of boys. They were losing their initiative; everything was organised for them and nowadays they refused to play rough games.

Mr. K. R. Sleight, another schoolmaster, endorsed this and said that he agreed with Mr. Leach—"boys nowadays wanted carrying about."

Several speakers pointed out that the remedy was a full application of Scout training, and Mr. Piers D. Power, Headquarters Commissioner for Scouts, laid emphasis on the desirability of giving boys more responsibility and letting them run their own show on the lines laid down by Lord Baden-Powell in "Scouting for Boys."

CHESHIRE CHEESE'S THANKS.

The Secretary of the Cheshire Cheese Federation, in a letter to the Press, has thanked the Cheshire Scouts for a splendid advertisement to their County's ancient craft at a time when this is sorely in need of a leg-up."

He also expressed the hope that when makers in the industry have a chance of furthering the best interests of the Scouts' Movement they will not lightly forget the good turn.

This letter is an echo to the Cheshire Boy Scouts' visit to the Cheshire Centenary celebrations at Llangollen. They took with them a Cheshire cheese for H.M. The King of the Belgians.

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